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Forward, Southern Baptists

Today as at no time in our resplendent history, Southern Baptists should go forward. We come in 1945 to close the first and begin the second century in our organized work. A century ago, we stood in the day dawn of our work. There was no fixed star on our denominational horizon. Our numbers were small, our wealth penurious, our institutions few and weak. The century soon to close has witnessed miraculous achievements. Now we are more than 5,000,000 strong. Our institutions have multiplied both in numbers and in strength. The first century promises to end auspiciously, the second should be epochal.

Our world is bankrupted by war. Infernos of seething fires of greed, hatred, selfishness, now burning, can be extinguished by the grace of God. We have the message that will cure the ills of the age. Just as our national machinery is geared to free men from the shackles of human slavery, Christianity must be paced to liberate men from the bonds of iniquity.

Evangelism First

Our first concern should be the salvation of a lost world. Marvelous as our progress has been, the comparatively small number of lost souls now being won by us shows a complacency that is pathetic. Our apathy renders us impotent. We can move forward only as our pathway is lighted by the incandescent glow from the fires of compassion for the lost. The brighter these fires burn, the greater the progress we make. . . . The denomination

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Former Mississippian Writes About Appelman Campaign

Leo Eddleman, a native Mississippian, now pastor at a Louisville, Ky., church, has written an interesting analysis of the Appelman campaign, from which we quote:

"As one with a Mississippi background, yet who has not had the privilege of working in the state, but looks on with an unbiased, detached viewpoint, I offer the following observations regarding the State-wide Evangelistic Campaigns led by D. A. McCall, and sponsored by the State Convention:

"First, having a little part on the program in Clarksdale, I was able to see that the conferences on evangelism brought pastors and people in from neighboring communities on almost the 'old-fashioned camp meeting' basis. It was happy and wholesome fellowship, even superior to that in the usual associational meetings. The programs on the whole were helpful from many angles.

"Second, the meetings presented a good method for keeping some of our best evangelists in the churches. Hyman Appelman, while not a man whose methods all would accept in

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SOME GREAT BIBLE DOCTRINES WHAT BAPTISTS BELIEVE ABOUT The Second Coming Of Christ

By L. G. GATES, D. D., Pastor
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(Below we publish another of a series of articles on great Bible doctrines, precious to Baptists. They are written by Mississippians, who know and love Mississippi Baptist work. Next week the subject will be "The Deity of Jesus Christ."—Editor.)

I have noticed that in the past decade those who have emphasized tithing and the second coming of Christ have been blessed and have grown in numbers and in power.

To my mind there are two or three reasons for this. First, because it is the largest gospel teaching in the Bible. Second, because it is the completion of our redemption. Third, because as we approach the end of this era, people everywhere are seeking to grasp the whole truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

The New Testament is filled with the idea of the return of Jesus Christ, to gather out the redeemed and to set up a kingdom of righteousness for the New World; but it seems that we have been slow to grasp and propagate this truth. In fact, the Bible has more to say about the second coming of Jesus than about His first. The Old Testament has more to say about His second coming than His first, the same is true in the Psalms, and on an average one verse in every twenty in the New Testament has to do with His second coming.

The purpose and place of His second coming is as clearly taught as was His first. Prophecy said he would be born in Bethlehem and would be



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a Saviour—Micah 5:2. Prophecy says he will come in the clouds and receive His own out of the world, that judgment might be measured out on sin—I Thessalonians 4:13-18. It also says that His feet shall touch Mt. Olivet, Zech. 14:4. The seer in Revelation also tells us that we shall

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GOD DID IT!

By Norman W. Cox
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"Thou has caused men to ride over our heads; we went through



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fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." Psalm 66:12.

Several million baffled saints since Hitler marched into Poland and particularly in our own country since Pearl Harbor have asked again and again the following questions:

Why didn't God prevent the war?
Why does God not stop the war?

Why do the righteous suffer?

How and when will the war end?

The reason why God did not prevent the war is easily answered, if we bear in mind one important fact. This fact is one of the great mysteries of life. It is as old as humanity. It is that God has clothed human personality with the responsibility of choice. Men can choose to adore or scorn God. Men are free to do good or evil. War is the fruit of sin in the soul. Wars will not cease in the world until those who determine the policy of nations become obedient to God in Christ in their hearts.

While God permits wars to run their course, that does not mean that He does not intervene. The fact is that God does intervene and determine the outcome of the wars that effect the course of history. He stopped the Persians at Marathon in order that Grecian civilization might prepare the Mediterranean world for the coming of the gospel five centuries later.

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"The Road To The Freedom and Religion"

W. O. Carver

It falls to the Baptists of today, in this supreme world crisis, to devote themselves to the extension of this Road to Freedom into all of the lands. In every country there is to be a new arrangement of life and among all peoples a new relationship. Earnest men are eagerly looking for ways and means for an era of freedom for all mankind.

The most fundamental and essential of all freedoms for a peaceful and worthy world is the freedom of religion, the free converse of the soul of man with his God and Saviour. This freedom must include not only freedom of individual and group worship, but full freedom for evangelism and interpretation, for propaganda.

This is a freedom which has been little understood or practiced in history. With the union of church and state in the beginning of the Fourth Century, coercion, repression and restraint were imposed by organized religion through the instrumentality of the state. And this course persists and has been adequately abrogated only in the United States. Except the Anabaptists all the Reformation churches adopted the state church principle. These equally with the Roman church exterminated or decimated the Anabaptists who were the prophets of the true freedom of religion. In the seventeenth century Baptists took up the torch in this freedom and led in contending for full freedom of the church in the civil

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Southern Baptists Face a Great Challenge

W. H. Knight, Secretary-Treasurer
Shreveport, Louisiana

What is that great challenge? It is the challenge of a great evangelistic opportunity. This article was requested, recently, by a vote of the state secretaries in their annual meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana. When the war is over and millions of our men begin their trek back home we will face new problems, new responsibilities and new opportunities.

Recently, some one gave General MacArthur credit for the following meaningful statement: "There are no atheists in the fox holes." And, we understand from numerous sources, it is true. Atheism, agnosticism and unbelief do not meet the needs of men's souls when they are facing death. From many reliable sources, information reaches me that our military forces are giving serious consideration to the vitalities of religion. They are giving little attention to the formalities, the outward expressions of religion, but they are giving much thought to God. To many, God has become a living and vital reality for the first time. They

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Sparks & Splinters

Rev. and Mrs. William Lowrey Cooper and their four children, who are missionaries to Argentina, recently returned to the States and are now in the Mississippi Baptist Hospital for complete check-ups.

Pastor and people of First Baptist Church at Picayune expect great things during the revival this week with D. A. McCall and Lowrey Comper helping in evangelistic services. Plans have been made for a special called meeting of the Pearl River Association on Friday, April 21, and other special services will be held during the week.—O. P. Estes.

First Baptist Church in West Point welcomed 35 additions during their revival season. John A. Davison, pastor at Selma, Ala., was the visiting preacher and E. C. Edwards of Shuqualak led the singing most acceptably. The people are happy over the results.—John Barnes, pastor.

It was my privilege to be associated with Rev. Chester L. Quarles and his good people in Leland, Mississippi, in a revival meeting from March 12-22. Never have we enjoyed a period more! From the start we found a marvelous spirit, which was indicative of the wonderful and happy relationship which exists between pastor and people. As you already know, Leland is one of the greatest churches in the South; and the atmosphere throughout the revival reflected the explanation for this.—H. H. Hobbs, Alexandria, La.

Crystal Springs Baptist Church recently experienced a fine revival with Rev. L. W. Ferrell, of Jackson, doing the preaching, and Mr. R. A. Marston of Pascagoula leading the music. There were eleven additions, nine by baptism.

A very good meeting has just closed at Raymond, R. L. Wallace, pastor. Evangelist J. A. Barnhill of Jackson did the preaching. Henry E. Love, pastor's assistant at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, led the singing. There were 26 additions—18 on profession of faith and eight by letter. Wallace has been at Raymond seventeen years and the people love him more every day. Brother Wallace is also pastor at Salem and Palestine.

A county church wants to buy some used seats. For information write The Baptist Record.

Woodville: Barney Walker has led in a two weeks' meeting at Woodville. This is the seventh time I have had him with me in special meetings, and have never found a man whose work I so approve. The young people flock about him and the older ones come in great numbers, leading to abiding results. The entire community looks forward to his return next year for another two weeks.—B. B. Hall, pastor.

We just closed a revival in the First Baptist Church in Lexington. The response was great. The people were ready for a revival. The good pastor, H. W. Roberson, had prepared well. School Superintendent W. B. Kenna was very gracious. He arranged for special services at the school and also had a group of students at the morning services. The business men of the town, at the request of the deacons, closed the business houses every morning for the services. There were 36 additions to the church—21 by baptism and 15 by letter.—Charles L. McKay, Ruston, La.

Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention, reports Mississippi as giving \$11,176.56 to the Cooperative Program; \$8,591.60 Designated, and a total of \$19,768.16 during March. There has been an increase of \$55,894.56 in total gifts as compared to 1943 to date.

Prentiss: For the first quarter of 1944, total receipts were \$3,518. In the same period \$1,701.28 was sent to benevolent objects. The church is accumulating a building fund and now has a total of \$4,777.45 in this fund. About half of this is invested in war bonds.

Jackson, Miss.—Governor Thomas L. Bailey has signed a bill here relieving denominational and fraternal orphanages of Mississippi from the supervision and administration of the state. Representatives of the Baptist and Methodist orphanages, together with the chairmen of the Senate and House committees were present.

Henry J. Bennett, pastor of the recently organized Victory Baptist Church in Calhoun county, sends in additional names to be added to the EVERY FAMILY list and states that the church is Going Places. Last Sunday there were six additions: two by baptism and four by letter.

We do not know whom to blame but some mail is not being delivered as promptly as it should. For instance, a postal card giving the Sunday school and B. T. U. attendance at Louisville was postmarked 2 p. m. Monday. It should have reached us Tuesday morning. We received it Wednesday morning. The same thing is true of a card from Bogue Chitto (Pike county), Olive Branch and Ramah churches (Franklin county).

Anyone knowing the address of Elvina Nash, please send to Mrs. J. J. Prince, Macon.

The Adams Memorial Fairview church of which D. C. Hartley is the progressive pastor, has now a functioning Sunday school. The people are cooperating faithfully and seeking to build up their school which started with 30 the initial date of the organization. This church is also one of the EVERY FAMILY churches on The Baptist Record lists.

Pastor C. Lee Bullard of Hammond, La., formerly of Mississippi, has recently held a fine week of Sunday school training with an excellent corps of Louisiana workers in a far-reaching program. Miss Blake Nations of Brookhaven taught a book on Junior methods.

Portions of the Bible have been published to date in a total of 1,062 languages, according to the American Bible Society. During 1943, the society reports, four new language translations made their appearance: Walamo (Ethiopia), Yipounou and Yisangou (French Equatorial Africa), and Gunwinggu (northern Australia). The number of languages in which the entire Bible has been published totals 184.

I have moved and am sending you my new address for I cannot afford to miss all of the interesting news of The Baptist Record each week.—Lillie McGee.

Inverness church has just observed the first anniversary of their pastor, L. J. Crumby, and an indefinite call has been given to him to serve the church. The members are rejoicing that the Sunday school has been recognized as a Standard unit. Four members came on profession of faith, having come from Sunday school classes.—W. A. Price, reporter.

From the Florida Baptist Witness we learn that the First Baptist Church of Leesburg, Florida, Carl E. Bates, pastor, has made much progress during the past year. At the present time they are constructing a building for a Mission Sunday school on the outskirts of Leesburg. Plans are being made to establish other missions. They now have almost \$12,000 invested in war bonds for an Educational Building. During the past year there have been 61 additions—30 for baptism. (Editor's note: This is another one of our Mississippi boys making good in another state.)

Calvary church at Tupelo held one of their best Training Union study courses March 27-31. F. M. Powell, pastor, and V. T. Anthony, director, are happy over several new leaders who were enlisted, and the best attendance in a long time. The class grew from 52 the first night to 80 the last session. Teachers were: Auber J. Wilds state secretary; George Gay, pastor of the Okolona church; Miss Mary Lou Dunn of Corinth, and D. D. Satterwhite, pastor of the Harrisburg church. All classes studied the books on methods, seeking the newest and best means of reaching and developing members.

Pastor John Barnes of West Point is in a revival at Temple church in Louisville, Ky.

Friends regret to learn of the passing of Stanley Carothers of New Orleans, formerly of Jackson. He was the son of Mrs. Emma Carothers and brother of G. A. Carothers of Jackson. He was actively allied with the work of the First Baptist Church in New Orleans. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Borum, daughter of Dr. W. A. Borum, pastor at First Baptist Church in Jackson a number of years ago.

Write or wire your congressman and senator at once to back up the Bryson bill. This bill is intended to shackle the makers and sellers of alcoholic beverages for the duration. It is House Resolution (H. R.) 2082. It has not been "shelved." Mr. Hobbs, chairman of the committee, has been ill, hence unable to continue further hearings. In addition to your congressman and senator, send messages to the chairman of the committee, Sam Hobbs, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., and to the author, Joseph R. Bryson, South Carolina. Act now and help end the efforts of the liquor barons to enslave our nation through the men and women in uniform.

His many friends in Mississippi will rejoice to know that the past year has been a most fruitful one for a Mississippian, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida. There were 237 additions, 79 by baptism.

On Easter Sunday the Texas Baptists began a campaign to have a million church members read the New Testament before July 4.

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CHURCH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
DECREASED SINCE METHODIST
UNION

Nashville, Tenn.—(RNS)—Methodist church school enrollment has decreased since the union of the three branches of Methodism in 1940, it was revealed here by Dr. John Q. Schisler,

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DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

April, 1944

Soul Winning Revival—April 2-16
—Clarksdale—Hyman Appelman, Evangelist.
Three-day Evangelistic Conference
—April 3-5—Clarksdale.
Cooperative Program Emphasis.
Now Club Emphasis.
(1) Christian Literature and Church Libraries; (2) Sunday School Training Courses; (3) Relief and Annuity Board.
Tithes and Offerings.
Daily Bible Reading.
Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More—November first, 1944.
State Sunday School Convention—April 25-28.
Sunday School Training Courses.
State W. M. U. Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson—April 4-6.
B. T. U.—Youth Week (to be observed by church any week).
State Workers in One-Day Associational Contacts. Associational Executive Meetings.
Relief and Annuity Board (an Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers).

CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE LASTS

Giles P. Walton, now residing in Texas, relates some experiences in his early days in a letter to the editor. We quote from his letter:

"What one Christian can do for another is hard to tell. When I was a young man, I lived in the home of Rev. Charles L. Lewis in Raymond, Miss., and as a brother he treated me as a Christian gentleman should treat one in his employ, 1892-1895. I remember his wife, and what she contributed to my young life. She lived as close to God as anyone I ever knew. When she prayed at evening prayers her face would shine with the power of God like my father's used to shine. As a child, I would peep through my fingers to see the glow on his face as he talked to God. These have been guides in my life since then."

executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, Methodist Board of Education.

Enrollment for 1940 totaled 5,418,798 and that for 1942 was 5,093,558. Complete reports for 1943 were not available, but records for the year ending August 31, 1943, showed a total enrollment of 5,164,903.

To learn why church school enrollment has decreased, Dr. Schisler wrote to 600 carefully selected laymen and a larger number of pastors, and conferred with the executive secretaries of the conference boards of Christian education. From the resulting data four basic reasons for the decrease have emerged:

1. No definite conviction on the part of the people generally that the church school is important.
2. Inferior work on the part of officers and teachers in many church schools.
3. Methodist church school teachers are frequently in competition with teachers of other denominations whose doctrines are simple and direct.
4. Lack of concern on the part of church workers for the spiritual welfare of others.

Paul's Method: "I kept back nothing that was profitable, but have shewed you and taught you publicly, and from house to house." Acts. 20:20

Twelve weeks of campaigning for Christ in Mississippi has ended. Hyman Appelman, and T. D. Carroll, singer, have completed their engagement. We are glad they came this way. An appraisal will follow in this column soon. Visible results are as follows: Laurel 891, McComb 837, Jackson 841, Columbus 1,794, New Albany 759, Clarksdale 1,252. Grand total: 6,374.

We do not know if all these will "stick" or not. From what we saw in Jerusalem a few years ago all the results on Pentecost might not have "stuck." It is enough to make a Doxology arise in our hearts!

ATTENTION! PASTORS! ASSISTANT PASTORS! CHURCH SECRETARIES! IF YOUR CHURCH USES A CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES, PLEASE SEND ME A COPY AT ONCE. I WANT TO PRESENT SUCH A COLLECTION AS AN EXHIBIT IN THE FIVE PASTORS' CONFERENCES SPONSORED BY MESSRS. WILLIAMS AND WILDS. IN THIS WAY, YOU WILL MAKE A HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION. THANKS.—D. A. McCALL.

I

Words of Jesus as found elsewhere in the New Testament:
 Acts 1:4, 5, 7, 8. Acts 26:14-18.
 Acts 9:4-6, 10-12, 15, 16. I Corinthians 11:24, 25.
 Acts 11:16. II Corinthians 12:9.
 Acts 18:9, 10. Revelation 1:8, 11, 17-20.
 Acts 20:35. Revelation 2:1-29.
 Acts 22:7, 8, 10, 18, 21. Revelation 3:1-22.
 Acts 23:11. Revelation 22:7, 12, 13.

II

CORRECTION: White Baptists on the J. R. Adams place, Coahoma county, have named a church in memory of him. This church has membership in one of our associations. Brother Adams was one of the best friends we ever had—a fine Christian and altogether worthy.

All rejoice that Brother H. T. McLaurin is now part-time pastor at Hickory and part-time missionary in Newton Association. He will render good service. He came by for a good chat. His family members are fine.

Our Negro brethren are most appreciative. Several letters came thanking us for the Bible study help. We now have two Negro workers in the field. A revival at Cleveland recently brought 36 for baptism. This is most unusual, according to Rev. Humes, president of the Convention.

Some folks throw our mail in the gutter. On the other hand, others write us for thousands of gospel tracts. Let each fellow classify himself. Matthew, Chapter 13.

A chaplain from overseas writes:

Dear Dr. McCall:

"The tract 'Going to Hell? Who Cares?' written by yourself, has come to my attention and I am interested in obtaining a supply for distribution to the men in this command. I shall appreciate it if you will send us 200 copies of this splendid tract. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this matter, I am

"Sincerely yours, _____."

Pastor W. L. Marsh writes that they recently received from the Appelman meeting 14 by baptism and five by letter. Doxology!

We recently enjoyed a visit to the Chinese Sunday school at Greenville through the courtesy of Mr. John Davis, Mr. Kern Pratt and others. They sang with joy, "Jesus loves the little children, all the children in the world. Red and yellow, black and white, does not matter in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world." John 3:16. Rev. 7:9f. This group sends mission offerings for the work of Jesus. Doxology!

III

This business of soul-winning (it is a BUSINESS) is one vast chain. Each soul won is a link. John pointed Andrew to Jesus. Andrew brought Peter. Peter won others, and on. John 1. Prov. 11:30. Daniel 12:1-3. Carl Kosanke gives the following testimony from the revival at Sumrall: "On Monday night we went over the list of names of unsaved of our age group that had been turned over to us by Brother Talkington. Each one present accepted the responsibility of praying for, inviting, and possibly speaking to one or more of these individuals. Mary took the name of her unsaved sister Bonnie. The next evening she brought Bonnie with her and Bonnie came forward during the invitation. That night Bonnie took the name of Dot. On Wednesday she brought Dot with her and Dot came forward during your invitation. On Thursday night Dot brought Alice, Gladys and Charlene, all of whom were on our list of unsaved. All three of them accepted Christ that evening."

One of our Enlistment Pastors the other day led a soldier to faith in Christ and also was instrumental in winning a confirmed drinker of strong drink to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Bryan Simmons writes of another excellent Bible Institute for Negroes recently conducted in Jones county. It was in part a local project and in part a State Mission project. Enlistment Pastor B. S. Hilbun did the preaching. This is one of the greatest opportunities in real Christian helpfulness.

"Oh, if it does not rain I will try to come to church." "Who-o-e-e with this snow on the ground I cannot go to church."

When, because of rain or snow we do not go get groceries though we are out of groceries, we MAY be a little more justified in not going to church. Feeding the soul is more important than feeding the body.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:—
"LOVE NEVER FAILS"

I Cor. 13:8b

Paul's Message: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21

When, because of rain or snow we leave our business closed, we MAY be a little more justified in not going to church.

When our boys and girls do not go to school because of rain or snow, we MAY be a bit more justified in staying from church. The education of the "heart" is of more import than is the education of the mind! God's business is of more importance than is our business.

Jesus meant it when He said, "Seek ye FIRST the Kingdom of God." Matt. 6:33.

"They do not believe in soul-winning and Acts 1:8, but they are good people." Have you not heard such statements? Imagine this scene: A building is afire. A crippled man is in it. A bystander knows that and is able to get him out, but does nothing about it. Do you imagine that community, over the crisp body of that cripple, would say of that bystander, "Oh, he is a good man?"

Jesus said, "Go ye." Mark 16:15. Suppose this scene took place. A father said to a son, "I want you to do this, and that, and the other for me." "Yes, Dad, I love you. I will do it for you." Later—"Son, did you do this?" Son—"No, Dad, I did not, but I love you." Dad—"Son, did you do that?" Son—"No, Dad, but I am 'crazy' about you."

Jesus said, "Witness for me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, afar." Professed Believer—"No, I didn't do it, but I certainly do love you."

The above dad is not dumb. Nor, is Jesus!

IV

The following poem is by Dorothy Phillips. We thank God for all of it.

"Thank You, God, for the love I've known,
 For the work You gave to do;
 Thank You, God, for the grace and strength
 You gave me to carry it through.
 Thank You, God, for the golden days,
 When my dreams and plans came true;
 Thank You, too, for the trying times
 When I had no friends but You.
 Thank You, God, for the years I've had,
 Some of both pleasure and pain;
 I've found that on life's way there is
 A mingling of sunshine and rain.
 Thank You, because the road's last turn
 Will be the brightest and best;
 I've never lost life's zest,
 Through sorrow and joy in all the years."

Now that complete debt payment lies just ahead, it seems we should major more and more on the "debt" referred to in Romans 1:11-18 (see v. 14). That is not a financial program in question. Yes, finances are involved, but it is not the main emphasis. We are in debt to Jesus! Oh, how much we are in debt to Him! "All to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow."

We are in debt to others in the matter of giving them the Gospel. Somebody passed it to us. We cannot be Christian, we cannot be fair, we cannot say we have done our part, unless we pass the Gospel in like manner along to others.

We need as individuals and as a people to be Gospel-conscious. In all honesty of heart, we are fearful that we have been more financially debt-conscious than Gospel-conscious much of these last years.

Some people have in turn been debt-conscious, but have shown little conscience regarding the paying of debts. It has been a "sore toe," but they have not striven with energetic participation to have riddance therefrom. The Gospel moves people. It moves their hearts, minds, bodies. It will even put the hand in the pocketbook! One's own pocketbook, you understand! Baptists should always and everywhere be rightly known as a Gospel people!

Our heart sings a constant Doxology because of the blessings of God upon HIS work and because of the cooperation of and fellowship with our pastors, churches, office and department helpers. We do not believe a finer mixture exists.

Humanly speaking, we inherited a good background. Drs. Gunter and Lipsey had laid good foundations. Dr. Gunter proved a great secretary, and Dr. Lipsey is one of the best of Bible students. So far as this office is concerned—give them the credit—they deserve it!

Editor Goodrich, Miss Traylor, Mr. Wilds and Mr. Williams excel as department heads. Their helpers and our helpers have been loyal and faithful. Yes, and efficient! We never know where to stop when we start talking about the excellence of Christ's ministers and Christ's churches.

What shall we say of the glories of Christ? Him from Whom all blessings flow? If we really give him about 98 percent plus of the glory, the remainder would not be "fussed over." Oh, yes, we know He is supposed to have ALL the praise. We say that with our lips. We have not found anybody who from practice believes it should be attained. Not too many, anyhow! Too many folks seem to think life consists in criticizing one-half of the time, and claiming credits the other half. We like to praise Him! We like to say "Thank you" to those who are helping by actually investing their lives for Jesus' sake! Both are Christian, we are sure!

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1. The Cooperative Program.
2. The Now Club.
3. A summer assembly.
4. A State Brotherhood secretary.
5. A full time worker with the Negroes.
6. A worker at Whitfield.
7. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
8. A full time Indian worker.
9. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
10. At least ten enlistment pastors.
11. Enlarged soldier work.
12. Chinese worker.
13. Associational missionaries.
14. Mississippi Baptists out of debt.
15. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.
16. The Baptist Record in every home.

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PROVIDENCE

We do not know just what to call it, but God does work in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. We quote below from the letter of a Mississippi boy who is a gunner on a bomber:

"I had guard duty Tuesday night and missed a hop I was scheduled for. If I hadn't missed that hop you would probably be getting a telegram from the War Department regretting me. The plane I was to have been in and another one collided in mid-air. Every one on board was killed and the remains of the ship cracked up in the river. I went out with the crash crew to try to locate the bodies. It doesn't take much of that to convince me that Someone a lot bigger than I am is looking out for my best interests."

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"REJOICE"

When we thumb through pages of past, and present day histories we find recorded the deeds of many heroes. Seemingly the most successful men are the ones

who endured the severest trials and the worst hardships.

It seemed that the more difficult the road for Paul the more he rejoiced. In Philippians 4:10-11 we find that Paul says, "But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity—not that I speak in respect of want, for I have learned in whatsoever state I am, there-with to be content."

Some of us are behaving under present conditions as if we thought God is dead. Even though the general conditions are bad, on the other hand we have much to rejoice over.

Over and over again God's word tells us to rejoice.

It is good to be in the office and also in the various conventions and hear the different pastors and workers relate their experiences on the field.

One pastor recently said, "I have never been so busy in my life, and have never been as happy in doing it." Ever since the sin of Adam and Eve there have been heartaches, misunderstandings, greed and selfishness. Surely Christians are concerned and deeply interested in the salvation and consecration of the people of the world and it is our belief that it will take joyful and jubilant workers to bring the lost into the fold. And with Paul again we say, "Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice."

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THE CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

Upon his return from a recent visit to China, Dr. Daniel A. Poling said: "There are more than 400 million Buddhists in China, more than 50 million Mohammedans, and less than 4 million Christians. Of these latter, less than one million are Protestant church members or adherents, and yet from this Protestant constituency has come the ranking leadership of the New China, including the President and Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-Shek. The significance of our Protestant opportunity in China will not be lost."

We call your attention to the fact that although the Protestants of China (Dr. Poling includes Baptists among the Protestants) number only 1 to 400 yet most of the leaders come from that group. Christianity gives a person something that the heathen just doesn't have.

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MISSING IN ACTION

When we get our daily newspaper we immediately look to see if any of our friends are listed as killed or missing in action. Practically every paper reports some

one missing in action and many whom we know are among the number. Our hearts go out to these friends as they go through these days of anxiety. To them we give this word of comfort taken from Psalms 91:11, "For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways," and in Romans 5:34, "We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope."

We also find some other places where our boys are missing in action. We miss their whistling and their footsteps around the home.

In our churches we miss the youth that used to fill the choirs and pews.

Many of our pastors are missing in action in our pulpits but we are grateful that they are serving our country in such a fine way here and there.

If ever there was a time we should keep our courage high and our hearts hopeful it is in times like these. In Isaiah 26:3 we find, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

"YES, THE PREACHER HAS A GREAT TIME"

L. M. Jones, editor of the Ruleville Record, comes to the defense of the preachers of his section. While they seldom need "defending," they probably appreciate words of interest and approval as much as any other people.

Anyway, we pass on to our readers this editorial from the Record:

"The preacher has a great time. If his hair is gray he's too old. If he is a young man, he has not had experience enough. If he has ten children, he has too many, if he has none he sets a bad example. If his wife sings in the choir, she's presuming, and if she doesn't she isn't interested in her husband's work. If the preacher reads from notes he's a bore, and if he speaks extemporaneously he isn't deep enough. If he stays at home in his study, he doesn't mix enough with the people; if he's seen around the streets he ought to be at home getting up a good sermon. If he calls on the poor, he is playing to the grandstand; if he calls at the home of the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, someone could have told him how to do it just a little better. Yes, the preacher has a great time."

—Clarion-Ledger.

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A series of services led by Rev. John T. Walters of Ruston, La., supplemented by a Training Union study course at the Good Home church recently in which attendance and interest indicated good results.—Mrs. R. Y. Wall, Lena, Miss.

25 Years Ago

The Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Atlanta, Ga., May 13-21.

The following are B. Y. P. U.'s who have qualified as A-1 for the first quarter of 1919: Senior unions—Aberdeen, Oxford, Tupelo and Houston. Junior unions—McComb First, New Albany, Blue Mountain, Durant, Kosciusko section, Meridian Forty-First and Brookhaven.

The 41st annual session of the W. M. U. Convention met in the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tuesday evening, April 15. Dr. P. I. Lipsey preached the convention sermon, using for his theme, "His Power, His Purpose and His Presence," taking the great commission for his text.

The church at West is delighted with the new pastor, Rev. Norris Palmer. These people keep in a good humor by keeping busy. The Sunday school is growing and improving. The church went over its apportionment for home and foreign missions by twenty-five percent.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Dr. Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

James T. Horton, Columbia, Miss
W. L. Sewell, Prentiss, Miss.
Boyd Baker, DeQueen, Ark.
R. R. Elmore, Glendale, Ark.
John Phillips, Hayti, Mo.
R. R. Shreve, Quemado, Texas.
J. E. Musgrave, Concordia, Mo.
John M. McBain, King City, Mo.
Chester Ware, Iberia, Mo.
Dr. John Newport, Clinton, Miss.
J. T. Renfroe, Shaw, Miss.
W. F. Goode, Bluff Park, Birmingham, Ala.

M. J. Taylor, Siluria, Ala.
O. H. McKinnon, Calvary, Lancaster, S. C.
F. M. Linder, Whitmire, S. C.
W. Wilbur Hutchins, High Point, N. C.
E. C. Harris, West Lake, La.
T. T. Reynolds, O. S. T. Church, Houston, Texas.
O. A. Tomme, Mauriceville, Texas.
J. W. Seay, Cherry Grove, Texas.
Dr. John Simons, Colorado City, Texas.
W. W. Kyzar, Jr., Holden, La.

Resigned

James T. Horton, Poplarville, Miss.
W. L. Sewell, Gloster, Miss.
Cecil V. Cook, Jr., Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, La.
A. M. Brown, Hutchins, Texas.
A. B. Higdon, Century, Fla.
John Phillips, Rosemont, East St. Louis, Mo.
W. Wilbur Hutchins, Southside, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Ben C. Scarborough, Jesup, Ga.
David Phillips, Ranger, Texas.
R. R. Shreve, Montrose, Ark.
Dan R. Dunham, Quemado, Texas.
J. E. Musgrave, Amsterdam, Mo.
W. W. Kyzar, Jr., Schlater and Money, Miss.

M. J. Taylor, East Norwood, Birmingham, Ala.

O. H. McKinnon, Flint Hill, Fort Mill, S. C.

J. C. Miller, Shades Mt., Birmingham, Ala.

J. V. Case, Junction City, Ky.
E. C. Harris, Oakdale, La.
Dr. John Simons, Memorial, Greenville, S. C.

GOVERNOR BAILEY SIGNS HOUSE BILL NO. 245



In 1938 a bill was passed by the Mississippi Legislature placing all child caring institutions and orphanages under the supervision of the State Department of Public Welfare. During the 1944 session of the legislature this law was amended by exempting all denominational and fraternal orphanages from such supervision. Members of the committee shown in picture with Governor

Bailey, reading from left to right, are: R. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson, member Board of Trustees, Baptist Orphanage; Representative John Holloman, Columbus, chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House; Forrest G. Cooper, Indianola, member Board of Trustees of Baptist Orphanage; Fred J. McDonnell, Jackson, superintendent of Methodist Orphanage; Senator W. C. Keady,

Greenville, chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate; T. J. Luke, Jackson, member of Board of Trustees of Methodist Orphanage; Governor Thomas L. Bailey, signing the bill. Members of the committee not shown in picture, C. H. Dean, Canton, member of Board of Trustees of Baptist Orphanage; Vaughan Watkins, Jr., committee representative from the Methodist Orphanage.

WILLIAM J. FALLIS ACCEPTS POSITION WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

W. R. White, Secretary
Division of Editorial Service

Rev. William J. Fallis, Baptist Student Union secretary of Virginia with headquarters in Richmond, has accepted a position with the Sunday School Board and will move to Nashville early in May. It is expected that he will serve as style editor in the Division of Editorial Service and that he will be closely associated with Dr. Clifton J. Allen, the associate editorial secretary, in the preparation and editing of Sunday school lesson materials, giving major attention to materials for Young People. The following facts suggest some of his qualifications for this position:

Brother Fallis born in Roanoke, Virginia. He became a Christian and united with the First Baptist Church of that city in March 1923. He was graduated from Jefferson Senior High school as valedictorian in 1932. During the following summer he felt led to give his life to the ministry and surrendered to this call. He is a B. A. graduate of the University of Richmond, and was editor of the college paper during his senior year. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity, and Phi Beta Kappa. He was graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1939 with the Th.M. degree. He remained in the Seminary for one year of post-graduate study and served as a fellow in the Department of Religious Education.

During the summers of 1937, 1938 and 1940 he was the associate pastor of his home church in Roanoke, and during 1939 he served as interim pastor at Salem, Virginia. Since Sep-

CHURCHMEN OPPOSE SUNDAY SCRAP COLLECTION

Bradford, Pa.—(RNS)—Because of objections raised by the Ministerial Association and the Federation of Churchmen here, the collection of scrap which had been planned for Sunday afternoon was advanced to Monday by the McKean County Salvage Committee.

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Harrisville: On Wednesday, March 29, the Junior Girls Auxiliary, with Mrs. G. W. Rogers, their counselor, met at the church for the study of their Manual. It was taught by our county young people's leader, Mrs. Archie Murray. We had a delicious supper served during the intermission.—Mrs. G. W. Rogers.

tember 1940 he has served as Baptist Student Union secretary of Virginia. He married Miss Louise Carter of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in August, 1941. Mrs. Fallis is a B. A. graduate of Converse College and an M. R. E. graduate of the W. M. U. Training school.

Dr. Walter P. Binns, for many years the pastor of Brother Fallis, commends him in the highest terms, stating that he is a person of attractive personality, of genuine culture, of sincere spirituality, of initiative and poise; is a gifted speaker and an effective writer; and believes that he will measure up to the high standard set for the personnel in the Editorial Division of the Sunday School Board.

A number of others have also commended him as being sound and wholesome in his theology, and loyal to our denomination and its mission. We believe that through the years Brother Fallis will render a far-reaching ministry to Southern Baptists in this important position with our Board.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Olive Branch (April 9)	60	61
Bogue Chitto (Pike) (April 9)	85	93
Louisville (April 9)	470	51
Ramah (Franklin)	101	
Griffith Memorial	574	292
Kreole	98	42
McDonald (Leake)	40	65
Laurel (April 9)	529	90
Laurel	463	97
Calvary Jackson	975	242
Parkway Jackson	495	137
Rocky Creek (George)	130	
Brookhaven	580	136
Center (Union)	101	62
Summit		170
Watts Memorial	427	95
Concord (Franklin)	55	
Concord (Franklin) (April 9)	18	12
Cross Roads (Webster)	79	
Hardy	69	
Bethlehem (Jones)	72	40
Ramah (Franklin)	39	39
Pinola	44	31
West End Natchez	111	39
Gulfport First	346	140
Louisville	470	66
Clarke Venable (Decatur)	168	
Calvary (Greenwood)	171	41
Shelton (Jones)	92	24
Winona (April 9)	181	85
Winona	171	57
Olive Branch	83	60
Enon (Panola)	45	25
New Albany	464	166
Wallerive	55	27
Crystal Springs	468	112
First Baptist Jackson	1021	246

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The spring revival at the Lena church resulted in eight professions of faith and many rededications. Pastor A. A. Ward was happy because of the interest of the people. Evangelist Barney Walker preached with power and conviction during the series. Some new Sunday school classes and circles in Woman's Missionary Society are being organized.—Reporter.

A LETTER TO SECRETARY McCALL

"Hillsboro, Mississippi

"April 3, 1944

"Dr. D. A. McCall

"Box 530,

"Jackson, Mississippi

"Dear Dr. McCall:

"We are often reminded of the fact that our state leaders know what to tell us country pastors to do, but that they cannot come out and do it themselves.

"Bro. Goodrich proved to my people at Maconal that Baptists do not tell folks what to do. He did this by pulling off his shoes and wading water knee-deep, riding in wagons and boats, just any way to get to church, visit homes and talk to the lost. Isn't that a fine example of leadership?

"Even though it rained all except two days, we had fair crowds, good interest and two additions. We feel our church is a better church in every way for his coming.

"I am sending this to you because I know he would not print it. Won't you re-arrange or write it over and get it in the paper for me?

"Thank you.

"A. A. JACKSON."

NOTE: We are glad to present this worthy testimony, if we can get it by the Editor.—D. A. Mc.

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Wiggins: Wiggins Baptist Church had one of the finest study courses in its history this week with State Sunday School Secretary E. C. Williams teaching the book, Personal Factors in Character Building.—N. J. Lee, pastor.

We have received an article from some postoffice in Louisiana. The article is unsigned. It gives information about Brother Ivan Lowrey. May we repeat again that however good an article is, we must have the name of the writer. This article is signed, "A Member."

You have been kind enough to make mention of my book, Tests of Faith. Your readers may be interested to know that in less than four months I am getting out a second addition, and that it is sold to the Sunday School Board.—P. I. Lipsey.

The Wiggins Baptist Church is having the parsonage renovated and is raising funds for the purpose of building an up-to-date Recreation Building in connection with the beautiful new church building.

Ivan Lowrey has resigned Pleasant Hill church, St. Helena parish, Louisiana, to accept the work at Bucatunna. Mississippians will be glad to welcome him back to Mississippi and congratulate Bucatunna on getting him.

Terry Baptist Church recently purchased a home for Pastor H. B. Benson. This is the first pastor's home they have ever owned.

Napoleon church, Pearl River county, will have their spring revival beginning Saturday night, April 22. D. W. Nix of Poplarville will do the preaching.

Recently Pastor Paul Hawkins of Jackson, who has been called as pastor of the Pleasant Hill church, Conehatta, brought in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions to The Baptist Record. Under his leadership they have gone to one-half time and adopted the budget plan of church finance. The Sunday school, under the leadership of Tom McDill as superintendent, is growing.

Rev. G. C. Carlisle of Pineville is a patient at the Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
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Message of Woman's Missionary Union President
Mrs. J. H. Street

Anchors of Righteousness

Sixty-five state conventions have gone into glorious history of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. I doubt that the delegates of any of those preceding conventions were ever more poignantly aware of the obligations of patriotic, Christian citizenship than are we, representatives of Woman's Missionary Societies of Mississippi gathered here today. We are buying war bonds; we are supporting the Red Cross; we are carefully salvaging essential war materials; we are cultivating victory gardens; we are diligent in our efforts to be one hundred percent loyal to our nation during these perilous days. . . . The truest and most far-reaching expression of national loyalty to which we give ourselves is set forth in the Scripture chosen as our theme for this convention, "Righteousness exalteth a nation." It is our purpose to call for your highest investment, your strongest support, your best efforts toward the establishing of righteousness within our nation.

Woman's Missionary Union long ago chose as her basic touchstones of service five essential anchors of righteousness. Every activity of our every organization should be an earnest attempt to enlist our women and young people in **prayer, study of the missionary message of the Bible and world-missions, tithes and offerings, missionary education of our young people, and community missions**, all these attempts undergirded with our declared purpose to maintain **high moral standards**—standards of righteousness. Let us today view frankly the measure of our loyalty to these anchors of righteousness in the year that has passed since the last convention; and let us set for ourselves higher goals for better efforts and greater achievements in the uncertain and critical days ahead.

There is no way by which we may objectively measure in tabulation our loyalty in **prayer**, but every record of energetic, telling activity, every success or failure, every manifestation of interest, or indifference, is a revealing measurement of our power in prayer. Somebody has prayed I know, and prayed with victorious faith. Somebody has kept faith with our calendar of prayer, for only through the sustaining power that comes from intercessory prayer could our missionaries in other lands endure the experiences that many have undergone, the extent of whose circumstances of trial and testing only God and they can ever know. Precious is the knowledge that prevailing prayer has guided and shielded from danger the repatriation voyages of the Gripsholm, granting safe return to our missionaries, royal servants of Christ. Somebody has prayed, and in measured proportions to those petitions of faith, our Home Board missionaries have been able to cope with overwhelming responsibilities. Somebody has prayed for those who are entrusted with the leadership of

Baptist work within our state, and God has given needed wisdom to the effective promotion of His Kingdom in Mississippi. Somebody has held up the hands of your state officers, and only because you prayed, they have been able to meet difficult situations, moving forward in the spirit of being "not problem-conscious, but power-conscious." Somebody has faithfully observed our seasons of prayer, and the real measure of our loyalty at that point is recorded in consciousness of spiritual growth, renewed joy in our salvation, and deepened interest in our mission causes and all that they represent.

We have at hand no truly accurate measure of our **study of the missionary message of the Bible and world-missions**, but here again individual lives bear testimony to strengthened faith, enlightened interest and eagerness to support Christ's program—proportioned to our participation in Bible study and mission study. Were I granted one request for the year by the "Spirit of Mission Study," I think I should ask that each society be led to study Miss Wilma Bucy's splendid manual, *The Woman's Missionary Union at Work*, and that each member—with low-blood-pressure-and-indifferent-tendencies be inspired to read and digest the chapter entitled "It Can Be Done."

The mere mention of **tithes and offerings** brings a song of gratitude to our hearts and a pean of praise to our lips. Our great denomination out of debt; confident assurance that our state debts will be paid in full by November of this year; heartening news of churches out of debt; seasons of prayer gifts in amounts far beyond our goals or dreams: a lengthening series of reasons for rejoicing. Let me share with you a climax of joy that was ours to experience at the mid-winter Board meeting in Birmingham. It was an inspiring, dramatic moment when our Miss Fannie Traylor, chairman of the Foreign Mission week of prayer plans for 1943, stood before the group to report that the offering to that date was in the amount of \$667,362.16. The figure has since gone to \$740,000. You will recall that the goal set was \$260,000. Following Miss Traylor's announcement of the Foreign Mission offering total in hand, Mrs. Carter Wright, Southwide stewardship chairman, brought her report. Let me walk softly and speak tenderly here, for on last Wednesday morning, March 29th, Mrs. Wright's marvelous spirit passed from her tired body over into the presence of the Master of her life, to whose service she had given herself with complete abandon during the years of her sojourn here on earth. The ground on which we stood that night was holier than we knew. In the course of her presentation Mrs. Wright asked that Miss Mallory lead a prayer of gratitude to God for the great part Woman's Missionary Union had been permitted to have in the paying of our debts. Reverently, may I tell something Miss Mallory said to our heavenly Father as she talked to Him on that occasion? She said, "O

God, I thank Thee in behalf of every woman and child who sacrificed." Were you included in that prayer? Was I? Unplanned but surely timed, was the arrival of a telegram from Dr. Dillard just at the close of Mrs. Wright's report. You read the telegram on our Woman's Missionary Union page in *The Baptist Record*. Let us recall part of its wording now. "Together we labored and prayed for Debtless Denomination in '43. The Lord gave us victory. Now let's labor and pray for a great revival of Christian stewardship in all our churches to undergird all our work."

Dr. Carver had defined crisis as **judgment with opportunity**. Speaking before the Executive Board of the Southern Union, he brought us to enlightened comprehension of the crisis we face today. He expressed gratitude for Woman's Missionary Union—"her past, her present and her looming future"—and cautioned that we must be sure of wisdom in our plans as with courage, initiative, and deep reliance upon the power of the Holy Spirit we face tomorrow. Let me mention here two special opportunities open to us in today's crisis. The first Miss Traylor has already called to our attention: the matter of greater emphasis upon the organization of Business Women's Circles. We must provide opportunities for meetings adjusted to the working hours of a great multitude of our women who are "walking new roads" today. The other privilege to which I refer is that of giving major attention and ever-increasing support to our Co-operative Program. Certainly we shall push eagerly on in our state debt-paying effort until every penny of our obligation has been paid; but granted once again a clean ledger on the debt side of the journal of Baptist Kingdom enterprises, let us swell the budget of that most effective channel for missionary giving, the Co-operative Program, until our every denominational agency attains to its maximum of service for Christ.

Some years ago one of our convention speakers said, "Something is wrong when the community influences the life of the church more than the church influences the life of the community." What has been the weight of the impact of your church and mine upon our communities during the past year? A strong, determining factor in the answer lies in the character and extent of our **community missions** activities. Let me quote from Dr. Carver again, and let me register here my appreciation for the inspired statements from his tongue and pen which I have used and shall use in these sessions. "The Gospel must not only go farther, it must go deeper. . . . We cannot be Christian until we are Christian in every relation of life." If the Gospel goes **deeper** it will move out to better and more consistent missionary efforts within our own communities. One of our missionaries, a repatriate from China, was being entertained in a Southern Baptist home. An evangelistic meeting was in progress

at the time in her hostess' church. The missionary took upon herself visitation and personal soul-winning. After some days thus engaged, the missionary expressed to her hostess the conviction that there is just as much need of such work in any average community in America as there is in the heart of China. What a challenge to those whose responsibility it is to plan and lead in community missions in our churches.

If the Gospel goes deeper, it will develop within us Christian attitudes toward and genuine concern for the welfare of other races. "God has no partiality pets among the peoples of the human race. No one can be a truly great statesman who fails to recognize the rights, the needs, the destiny of all the people of all the peoples of one human family." Recorded in the minutes of our 1940 convention is this brief but significant paragraph: "Mrs. Riley presented to Miss Traylor a gift of \$20.00 from the Elizabeth Hale circle of First Baptist Church W. M. U. in appreciation of her twenty-five years of service, designating this as a fund to be used in Negro work." Other seed has been added to that and these plantings have grown and fruited in definite, progressive and tangible steps toward the establishing and maintaining of Christian relationships with our Negro neighbors. Especially gratifying are the responses and many testimonies of appreciation for the Negro Institutes and we are grateful for other plans in the making that will greatly enlarge and strengthen our work among the Negroes.

Following a statement of frank disappointment in "parents who Welch on the greatest moral responsibility any people ever shouldered," Dr. Margaret Meade, anthropologist, adds, "Youth is not the last scapegoat of democracy, but the white hope of the nation." Love for and confidence in our youth—this "white hope of the nation"—inspires in Woman's Missionary Union continued and intensive undertakings to lead our young people in paths of righteousness. A prominent columnist of our day recently commented concerning the birth of a baby boy, "But they—your son and all the other mothers' sons—have seventy years to look forward to. And they must not be years crowded with the same heartaches and pains as the elder statesmen handed on to us." What can we do to prevent such a recurrence, with forebodings of a third world war cast already upon pages of current magazines? What can we do? Our theme answers again, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (*Proverbs 14:34*). Mr. Wallace C. Speers, vice president of one of America's great department stores, says, "There is one post-war plan that will guarantee a better world for the future. It is a very simple one and is not new at all. It is summed up in one phrase, 'Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.' . . . We Christian people are the possessors

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GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



PHIL J. WALKER

Walker Joins 100% Club

White Sand church in Pearl river county is number 722 to adopt the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan. Phil J. Walker is pastor. He is another pastor who, as practically all of them do—had the plan in his churches and found it so good that he was not satisfied until all his people were enjoying the blessings of The Baptist Record each week. He testifies that his people at New Palestine and Bethel are enjoying the paper and look eagerly for its arrival each week. This busy pastor realizes that the state paper goes to his people every week to tell them of the good news of the progress of the Kingdom they all love, when their pastor cannot be present in each home. Their comments prove they are reading the paper. The work in all these churches is going forward. There were more baptisms last year than at any time since Pastor Walker went there. New Palestine and White Sand churches have been painted. The pastorum at Bethel was paid for last year. A fund is in the making for some added rooms at the church. Interest in all the work of the Kingdom is better than ever, as proved by the people sharing in all through the Co-operative Program, in a large measure.

Pearl River county now has Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 38; Carriere 2; CORINTH 59; Gainesville 1; GOODYEAR 37; JUNIPER GROVE 61; NAPOLEON 30; NEW PALESTINE 22; NICHOLSON 18; PICAYUNE FIRST 243; PINE GROVE 59; POP-LARVILLE 157; ROSELAND PARK 20; McNeill 3; HENLEY FIELD 29; WHITE SAND 12, and UNION 19.

March Produces 25 New **EVERY FAMILY** Churches

All months are good months with The Baptist Record but March 1944 was even better. Miss Lois Tyler, Baptist Record bookkeeper, gives the following comparative report:

March 1943:

New **EVERY FAMILY** churches—10.
Total gain in subscribers—226.

March, 1944:

New **EVERY FAMILY** churches—25.
Total gain in subscribers—1,107.

HUBERT GILMORE

HE THOUGHT ABOUT HIS CHURCH

Sometimes people wonder what the boys think about as they wait for orders to sail for overseas service. We print above the picture of Hubert Gilmore, Ph.M 2/c who arranged for his church, High Hill, in Neshoba county, to receive The Baptist Record for the year, providing funds to send the paper to approximately 30 families. In writing he said, "I wanted to do something to express my appreciation of what the church means to our community, and for the things it has meant during the years past." He added that he thought to give the people something which would come weekly to tell them of the progress of the Kingdom of God in Mississippi and around the world would help them grow in Christian living. In addition to this, he gave the church the initial shelves of books to start a good church library, including a varied selection of books he himself made on his "farewell furlough" at home. Before The Baptist Record could inform him the transaction was completed, he had sailed "Somewhere Overseas." Members and pastor of the church will, along with all people who admire consecrated youth, not fail to pray for Hubert Gilmore. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and taught school near Drew, Miss., and formerly lived at Philadelphia. B. F. Odom of Kosciusko is pastor of High Hill.

Prentiss High School

We had the privilege of preaching the commencement sermon of Prentiss high school on Sunday morning, April 16. The auditorium was packed. An excellent program had been prepared by the faculty and superintendent, B. L. Coulter. Rev. W. S. Dubose, pastor of the Methodist church, ably assisted in the program.

An excellent music program had been prepared by Miss Annie Margaret Mathiston, musical director, and Mrs. Margaret D. Griffin, organist.

There were 28 graduates—20 were girls.

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UNION CHURCH CALLS FITZGERALD

The Union church in Rankin county has called as pastor, R. H. Fitzgerald, of Russell. Pastor Fitzgerald is rejoicing over the fine condition he notes in the church which has prospered under the leadership of former Pastors Roberson and Metts and others. The church membership is cooperative and eager to share in the carrying out of the great commission of the Lord at home and abroad. A splendid Woman's Mis-



W. L. SEWELL

GLOSTER PASTOR GOES TO PRENTISS

Baptists and their friends are preparing to welcome the new pastor of the Prentiss church, W. L. Sewell, who has been serving most successfully at the Galilee church in Gloster. The Prentiss pastor was born in Birmingham, and is a Mississippian by choice. He attended Clarke and Mississippi Colleges, receiving his A. B. degree from the latter. At Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, where

sionary Union adds its effectiveness to the whole work. This church has the **EVERY FAMILY** Plan of The Baptist Record and strives to have an informed membership, interested in all phases of the Baptist program.

PASCAGOULA WILL DEDICATE CHURCH

Baptists all over Mississippi are rejoicing with First Baptist Church, Pascagoula, and Pastor L. E. Green over the announcement of a great mass meeting at 2:30 in the afternoon in which their building will be dedicated April 23. Representatives from the following churches which are participating in the Coast-Wide Baptist Rally during the whole weekend will attend the dedication along with thousands of visitors:

Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, Logtown, Sharon, Long Beach, Ocean Springs, Gulfport First church and Grace Memorial; Biloxi First church and Second church; Gautier, Escatawpa, Kreole, Moss Point, East Moss Point, Barton and the Pascagoula First church and Watts Memorial.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence of Atlanta will preach the sermon.

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It is Olive Branch and not State Line. The church at Olive Branch, which heretofore has been State Line has voted to change its name to Olive Branch.

he made an excellent record he won his Th.M. degree and will receive his Th.D. on April 25, having passed all examinations leading to this degree, and his thesis having been submitted. In leaving Gloster to take up the Prentiss work Pastor Sewell says, "The people have been gracious, and we leave them with regret, but we go to Prentiss happily because we feel the Lord is leading." Friends predict a progressively effective service at Prentiss where a good foundation has been laid on which to build.

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+ INTO ALL THE WORLD +

CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board — E. C. ROUTH, Editor, THE COMMISSION

A few weeks ago the Foreign Mission Board received a cable bringing the information that Miss Lorene Tilford, Miss Auris Pender, Miss Jessie Green, Miss Thelma Williams, Miss Wilma Weeks and Miss Lucy Wright, who sailed last fall for Free China, were on their way by Portuguese boat from Lorenc Marques, Portuguese East Africa to Goa, India. Word comes, too, that Missionaries J. B. Hipp and M. W. Rankin are en route from South Africa to India. They hope to reach Free China early this spring. The prayers of Southern Baptists will be with these heroic missionaries as they reinforce the small band of workers in Free China in the day of China's greatest evangelistic opportunity.

Southern Baptists lost one of their most useful workers in the Home-going recently of Mrs. Carter Wright, Roanoke, Alabama. The April number of The Commission carried an appreciation of Mrs. Wright. For years Mrs. Wright was stewardship chairman of the Woman's Mission Union Auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention and led in making plans for raising one million dollars which the women pledged on the Southwide debt. Just a little while before Mrs. Wright went Home, Dr. Dillard announced that Southern Baptist women had gone beyond their goal.

One of the longest pastorates in the history of American Baptists is that of Dr. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the oldest Negro Baptist church in Washington, D. C. He is completing his sixty-second year as the leader of that church. In his youth he was a Presbyterian and received his college training at Lincoln University, but after his marriage his Baptist wife led him to beliefs cherished by Baptists. Dr. Brooks said that on one occasion when he was sixty years old and had been pastor of his church for thirty years, he got down on his knees and told the Lord that he was going to resign and make way for a younger man. He said that the Lord asked him, "What is wrong with my making a young man out of you?" He, therefore, remained and has been with his historic church for thirty-one additional years. Although he is past ninety he is still vigorous in service.

Every week we are receiving letters from our Southern Baptist chaplains, some in England, some in Italy, and some in the Southwest Pacific. All of them bear testimony, with one accord, to the extraordinary opportunities which have been given them in their fellowship with our American soldiers, many of whom are being led to the Saviour. Thousands of our soldier boys will return to America with a new appreciation of world missions. Some of these chaplains are writing that when the war is over, they want to go back to these distant lands as missionaries.

Chaplain Robert S. Bazzell sends us a letter which he received recently from another Baptist chaplain, a former roommate in Southwestern Theological Seminary, who is somewhere

in India. In that letter Chaplain Kelly described a visit to a Baptist leper home in India. He wrote, "In spite of their condition they appear to be cheerful. When they sing, 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus' I decided that they are really happy. Here is a quotation in a letter from a leper girl to her brother, 'Dear Brother: The aim of writing this letter is to tell you that I am willing to be baptized. I want to be a Christian and I am no more willing to be a Hindu. I want to leave that religion and be a Christian because, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him—should not perish but have everlasting life.' Your sister, Putona."

Here's a letter from an Oklahoma Baptist chaplain, Wallace Starke, who writes from an island in the South Pacific. He describes a season of worship with natives who were won to Christ by missionaries who went out years ago from our own land. Chaplain Starke writes: "You would have thanked God for every dollar that has been spent for foreign missions if you could have heard the native boys and the soldiers sing together, each in the language that he knew, 'Onward Christian Soldiers.' Not only had the missionaries brought Christianity to these people, but they had led them to live better and healthier lives. The company commander of an occupying force was so impressed by the Christian life and spirit of those natives that he asked the chaplain: 'Did you know that these people are going to be sending missionaries to America one of these days?'

Keep your eyes on Russia for there are all sorts of possibilities in the development of that mighty land. A few years ago Russia sought to destroy religion and to convert the church buildings into storehouses, to discard the old-time conception of a family, disavow the sanctity of marriage, and to hold all property in common. The Soviet Union has learned that religion is needed to sustain the morale of the men, and Russia has recognized the Orthodox church. The Sabbath has been restored, the family has been given a new standing, and divorces are rare. But Russia is still a long distance from true religious liberty, as no religious propaganda is allowed, and as yet no reprints of the Bible can be made. One of the most significant steps taken by Russia in recent weeks is found in the announcement in the New York Times (April 2), that Russia recognizes that capitalism has a vital place in the Russian economic life. Soviet socialism is no longer presented as the only progressive system. We pray that some of these days, doors will be opened wide in Russia for the Gospel message. We must be ready for that day.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived in Brazil on their return trip to West Africa. — Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, now missionaries to Chile, left the United States March 24 and four days later arrived in Chile. — Mr. and Mrs.

Jack Kilgore, recently appointed to Argentina, are now in Buenos Aires. — Miss Kate Ellen Gruver left this country recently to return to her field in Palestine.

We have just received the following interesting letter from Missionary B. L. Nichols, who left the United States last fall and reached Kweilin, China, early in February. The journey took over five months and covered nearly twenty thousand miles. He writes: "Last week I closed a meeting in the Girls' Bible school and this week I am preaching in a meeting at the hospital. Dr. Baker James Cauthen and I are preaching in evangelistic services at the Kweilin Baptist Church every night. Thus far, about one hundred have signed their names, indicating their decision to accept Christ and their desire to become church members. The mission schools are running full blast,—primary, middle, and girls' Bible schools. Most of the schools are made up of refugees from the Canton area, but they are blending in smoothly with the local constituency. There is an unprecedented thirst for education here in Free China. People are all hungry for the gospel of Christ. You will be delighted to know that on next Monday, February 28, we shall open the Graves Theological Seminary, here in Kweilin."

The editor of The Commission recently attended the 106th annual session of the Dan River Association, Southern Virginia. This is the association which sent Elizabeth Hale to China. Her mother lives in South Boston in that association. A splendid report on the W. M. U. was read by Miss Mary Barksdale, one of the busiest and most capable women in Virginia. Under her leadership, the W. M. U. has made an unusual report.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
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and stewards of an overwhelming, magnificent power, capable of revolutionizing this old world of ours. . . . If we will use it." What can we do? Remembering Isaiah's admonition, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord," we can effectively appropriate this magnificent power that is ours by positive, consistent, day-by-day Christian living. We can be better Christian parents. We can go further and be auxiliary counselors—good counselors, better counselors. Someone recently wrote, "Leading a Royal Ambassador chapter is having a determining conversation with tomorrow." A choice bit of truth that is applicable with equal accuracy the leadership of any one of our sponsored auxiliaries. What can we do? We can be more faithful in execution of our plans for the promotion of missionary reading of the choicest material. Mrs. Rice, beloved former state president, did not rest until she had enlisted every member of every auxiliary in her church as a subscriber to World Comrades or The Window of Y. W. A., and every member of her society as a subscriber to Royal Service. The gleam of her impelling example continues to lure us on to greater undertakings and

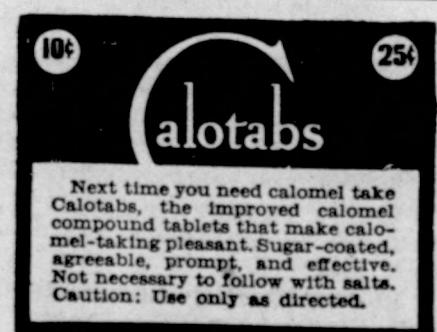
more worthy achievements.

What can we do—you and I, average members of average societies? We can increase our gifts to our State Mission offering. Surely this year we will give at least \$30,000, \$15,000 to our special State Mission objectives and \$15,000 to our permanent camp fund. We can make our permanent camp a reality—a veritable training ground for missionary-hearted, world-minded Christian citizens; a feeder for our Christian colleges; a furnishing center of missionaries for tomorrow's mission fields. May we never again be guilty of the indictment that we face today; viz. "More Baptist boys and girls are in the war for the purpose of killing than we ever had in all mission fields. We have killed more Japanese than we have ever led to Christ in the history of all missions." Under the leadership of our State Young People's secretaries, we are making our camps a concentrated effort to the end that "the generation to come may know" and avoid such grave error as has been ours. Let Mississippi march ahead among the front ranks of those who build a missionary citizenship for tomorrow.

Mrs. Armstrong has said, concerning the annual meetings of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention: "To those meetings zealous-hearted attendants have come seeking the stimulation of contacts with the missionary servants of Christ Jesus in the wide reaches of the homeland and from earth's uttermost parts. Strengthened in joyous fellowship with women of like mind and united purpose they have gone back to everyday tasks with a heartening consciousness that they are laborers together with a great host of women and young people and with an all-powerful God. They have listened to reports of growth, to plans for the future and by them they have been quickened in purpose and girded with knowledge for better service in their churches, their associations and districts, and in their states." Such is the high purpose of this assembly. God grant us a glorious realization of that sacred purpose.

"Remembering that God is the author and will be the finisher of the process of history," we shall give ourselves with renewed zeal to the tasks that are ours, seeking ever to enlist all our women and young people in prayer, study of the missionary messages of the Bible and world-missions, tithes and offerings, missionary education of our young people, and community missions—for these, my friends, are anchors of righteousness.

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Dr. J. G. Chastain, veteran missionary and now living in Buena Vista, Virginia, says that he first subscribed for The Baptist Record in 1877 and has read it constantly ever since. Continuing, he said, "My success in life has resulted in some measure from the good things I have received by reading the Record."



GOD DID IT!

(Continued from Page One) He turned back the Saracens at Tours in 732 and gave Charles Martel victory so that the religion of Europe would have the cross of Christ instead of the crescent of Mohammed as its religious symbol. He decided the issue in 1066 at the Battle of Hastings that determined the history of England and of the United States. He held the Turks out of Constantinople until 1453 so that Eastern Europe would have the Bible instead of the Koran as the source of its faith. He conquered Napoleon in 1815 that democracy should not perish from the earth. He overthrew the Kaiser in 1918 in order that the Bible might be redeemed from the clutches of German rationalism and that the political and social gains which Christ had created might have another chance to bless the world. He saved England in 1940 and has saved us since Pearl Harbor.

The trouble with too many of us is that we are either too blind to see what God hath wrought or we are too forgetful. In the four sermons which are to follow this introduction we expect to show that God has and is intervening just as He did when He delivered the Hebrews from the Egyptians at the Red Sea.

Why do the righteous suffer? Many of the righteous are not righteous. They are unfaithful to God in many things. The suffering of the righteous who have been unfaithful is an affliction that their unfaithfulness has brought upon themselves. They have asked for chastisement at the hands of God. The Christian people of England and America could have prevented this war, if they had stood by Woodrow Wilson at the end of World War I. We failed God's appointed leader and plan then and have asked for what we have been receiving since. We will see more of that later.

Whenever the righteous suffer innocently the Lord compensates them for their affliction thirty, sixty and a hundred fold. All that Abel, Daniel, Peter and Paul suffered for their faith and faithfulness, God has rewarded them a million fold. If Paul could be brought back to earth today he would certainly testify that all the afflictions that befell him for Christ's sake became an investment from which he has drawn incalculable rewards of satisfaction and blessing. Never do the innocent suffer but that God generously rewards them. God has His innocent righteous ones in Japan, Germany, Italy and among the United Nations who will praise Him throughout eternity for His blessings which sustained them in World War II and rewarded them beyond anything they could have ever hoped.

The question of how and when the war will end will be answered at the close of the last sermon of the series of four which follows:

In the sermons which follow on the topics, God Conquered Napoleon, God Won World War I, God Saved England in 1940 and God Has Saved Us Since Pearl Harbor, I expect to show that while God does not use the weapons of men, nevertheless He does intervene and determine the outcome of great international conflicts which relate themselves to His great unfolding purposes in the world. Every single incident which I shall use is one that is authenticated by reliable sources of historical information. I have refused to include any-

thing for which I do not have justifiable evidence to support.

I am indebted to Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Helms whose tract, "The Lord Reigneth," published by the Gospel Fellowship Press which first set me to thinking along this line.

God's answer to godless rulers and politicians and militarists is in the second Psalm. For twenty-nine centuries that Psalm has been declaring that God will have the last word. God is going to give us victory in this war, but because of our sins we are going to have to suffer much before victory comes. Whether the victory will be a temporary armistice or a world peace for a century or more is going to be decided by the attitude of those who call themselves Christians in the United States and the British Empire.

I

He Conquered Napoleon

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."... "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth."—Psalm 2:1-4, 9-10.

The rise of Napoleon and Hitler to power furnish us with an interesting historical parallel. The general condition of France in 1796 with that of Germany in 1933 was very much the same. The over all situation in Europe was very similar. One could easily cite a dozen practically identical situations which, from the angle of politics, economics, and other factors, mark the Europe of 1790-1815 to be an old-time photograph of the Europe of 1920-1943. The French Revolution had done for France what the abortive effort to establish a democratic regime did for Germany in the years immediately following World War I. The two countries, in each instance, were broken to pieces by division, confusion, and trouble, which left the people leaderless and ready to follow the leadership of one who would promise them victory.

No one in 1923 would have expected that Hitler would have become what he did. The same was true of Napoleon in 1794. He was then a Lieutenant of Artillery, 24 years old, five feet and five inches tall, and weighed 120 pounds. His rise to power was phenomenal. They had a campaign on against Italy that was going badly. Napoleon, on his own initiative, prepared a plan of military action that would bring victory. He sold his idea to the powers that were in control. They decided that only the man who had made the plan could execute it. Within a few months time, beginning with 1796, his day had dawned, and he was on the march.

Hitler and Napoleon each had an amazing opportunity. If each had led constructively, the blessing of God would have been upon them, and history would have acclaimed them as two of the greatest creative statesmen and military geniuses of the ages. But, alas, each took the wrong road, and each is more infamous than famous. Each conquered continent Europe. Each became a destroyer

when he could have been a builder.

Of the two, Napoleon was decidedly the greater. His talent for statesmanship was exceptional. His organizing genius was as remarkable as his military ability. His military ability marks him as the supreme strategist of the ages. His genius to inspire his soldiers is without parallel. His capacity to develop commanders and to communicate to them his genius was extraordinary. His life's story is the tragedy of the fifty-talent man who chose the wrong way.

Napoleon's fatal mistake is easily recognized. Once, when he was at the height of his power, someone said something to him about God being the one who decided the outcome of great conflicts. He, sneeringly, retorted, "God is on the side of the army that has the strongest battalions." The inference, of course, is clear. Napoleon had the strongest battalions, therefore God was on his side. He and Hitler and all like them forgot the message of the 2nd Psalm. God has a way of having the last word. The 2nd Psalm is continually being fulfilled. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."

Napoleon did not, as Hitler, make the mistake of fighting religion. He used it the wrong way. He ignored God. He made a god of himself.

God does not use the same weapons that men use. He takes the weak things to confound the mighty. Napoleon conquered others; himself he could not wisely rule. He failed to learn that "he that ruleth his own soul is greater than he that taketh a city."

God permitted him to conquer continental Europe. Then, when he had all and more than Hitler ever had at his feet, God conquered him with confusion, a snowflake, a dish of onions and a shower of rain.

On June 24, 1812, Napoleon, at the head of an army of 400,000 victorious veterans, began his audacious march into Russia. Behind him lay a Europe that he had conquered. Probably the army that he led into Russia had the greatest striking power of any army the world had seen prior to World War I. Eighty days later, on September 12th, he triumphantly reached Moscow. There he foolishly tarried until the 19th of October. When God goes to break in pieces a Mussolini, or a Tojo, or a Hitler, or a Napoleon, the first signs of the divine wrath usually appear in a mental confusion. They foolishly take chances. Napoleon had got too far from home. His lines were too long and too thin. The Russians had scorched the earth, and there was nothing for his army to live on. The Russian winter came on.

In late September, while in Moscow, Napoleon, with some of his staff, took a ride on horseback in one of the parks. It was a gray day. For a few moments, there was a light snowfall. It was the harbinger of the coming winter. One of the aides of Napoleon saw him catch some of the snowflakes in his hand as he rode along on horseback and heard him soliloquize to himself: "Nothing is more beautiful than a snowflake. No artist has ever been able to paint one perfectly. What is more harmless than a snowflake? It if falls upon the face of a sleeping child, it would not disturb its dreams."

But God, who stables His battalions in the skies, hurled snowflake on snowflake on the battalions of Napoleon, until the winter's chill and

the burden of their woeful weight drove him, beaten, from the heights of victory to the valley of despair. When all the kings, governments, generals, and armies of the combined powers of Europe were powerless to prevent, God did—with His snowflakes. The Bible tells us in a dozen places of God's dealings with the snow, His snow.

God broke the back of Napoleon when he made his vain venture into Russia. By means of the snow, He reduced Napoleon's army of 400,000 victorious veterans into a beaten 20,000 six months later. Although it was two and one half years until his final collapse at Waterloo, his doom was sealed. He vainly tried to extricate himself. His old-time genius showed itself in flashes, but God's process of "breaking him into pieces like a potter's vessel" was in progress.

He, smartly, capitulated to his enemies. He consented to being sent into banishment on the Island of Elba, where he remained for several months.

Then one morning in March, the word began to be whispered in France, "He is back." They could mean that only one was back. Napoleon had returned. Quickly, his old commanders had renewed their allegiance to him. His old legions rapidly formed. One hundred days later,

he faced the might of Europe on the eve of Waterloo. His plan of campaign was masterly. He expected to defeat the armies of his enemies by falling upon them in separate engagements before they could get together. He hurled himself in between them. But, again, his Nemesis was God. His perfect plan failed because of God's intervention.

Napoleon intended to begin the Battle of Waterloo at 6:00 on the morning of July 18, 1815. He was going to break Wellington in pieces by 1:00 that afternoon, before Bleucher's army could reach Wellington by 5:00. Then, having conquered Wellington in the morning, he expected to route Bleucher in the evening, as it does not become dark there in July until 9:30.

In his plan for the battle of the next day, his artillery, which was vastly superior to Wellington's, was to be drawn up at daybreak on one of Wellington's flanks, from which position it would hurl havoc into the English squares. The ground was marshy where the artillery was to be located, and a summer rain began in the late afternoon of the day before the battle. It rained steadily through the night until past daylight the next morning. The ground became too boggy to bring the artillery to the position where it was intended to have been placed. The battle did not begin at 6:00, nor at 8:00, but it was 11:00 before the artillery could be got where it had to be placed.

It was Napoleon's custom to reconnoiter the ground of the next day's battle in the darkness of the night before. He had been out in the rain. He came into his headquarters and put on dry clothes. He was tired. He was fond of onions, and they had onions for supper. The onion is a rather humble vegetable. No bride has ever wanted a corsage of onion blossoms for her wedding bouquet. But, the onion does have in it something of soporific power. It lulls the eater into leisurely languor. When the hour came for Napoleon to go out and go over some of the ground on which they would fight the next day,

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DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING

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A Slight Change in the Program for Pastors May 1-5

A slight change has been made in the program for pastors May 1-5. This change will perhaps make it possible for some pastors to attend who otherwise could not. We are adjusting the program so that we will be through by 5:00 p. m. This will mean no night service and all can be home before night. Please keep this in mind. Come praying that a blessing shall be the portion of all present, and through us to millions.

Greenville First Enjoys Best Training School Ever

Thanks to Director R. E. Denman for a report on their Training school recently held. Mr. Denman says that the spirit was the best they have ever had. The attendance was unusually good with an average of 136 each night. They ran a two-hour schedule, which is the usual time, and had a faculty second to none. Dr. C. S. Henderson, pastor, taught the Adults; Rev. Chester L. Quarles, pastor at Leland, taught the Young People; Mrs. A. N. Alexander taught the Intermediates, and Miss Hilda Perkins taught the Juniors. Study is good food for the growing Christian, hence the more study courses you have the better for all.

Mrs. C. C. Rogers, director at Salem, Covington county, writes that they have just completed what they think is the BEST training school they have ever had. Doctrine was studied by Intermediates, Young People and Adults. The Juniors studied a Mission book.

Utica Teaches Study Course for Negroes

"Miss Dorothy Carmichael, Mrs. Owen Williams and Rev. Owen Williams, pastor and members of the Utica church and Training Union, taught the St. Peters (colored) Training Union study course March 20-24. This live colored church of which Rev. I. A. Lewis is pastor keeps having these courses for Sunday school and Training Union workers, and this is the third course in which I have taught. An average of about 60 came and were most enthusiastic and responsive. Thirty-five completed the work, taking the examination and qualifying for the award."

The above statement is from our good friend Brother Owen Williams. This is good mission work, and a work that most of our white churches could be doing. Try it in your community.

Three hundred twenty-five crowded the Sumrall church in their last Associational Training Union meeting and enjoyed a helpful program that had been prepared by Director Garland McInnis. To these quarterly meetings the unions bring their quarterly reports. Mr. McInnis has the best cooperation in this than perhaps any Associational director. He checks them for his own information and then sends them to the state office from which A-1 unions receive recognition. One feature of this last program was the discussion of the trip to Ridgecrest. They plan to make reservation with the bus company for their crowd—in 1942 they had over 20—and they are expecting the number to be sufficient to completely fill a bus. Looking ahead, thinking ahead, and planning ahead means GOING AHEAD.

Miss Irmogene Tucker, director of Lauderdale Associational Training Union reports two newly organized unions. One at Bethany which was organized several weeks ago with 41 members has reached 60 for their rolls. Fellowship enjoyed having Miss Tucker and Miss Mary Thurmond, educational director of First church Meridian, with them. The result was the organizing of three unions. The Story Hour is to be started soon which will give them four units. Only one Intermediate so she is working with the Young People. Mrs. T. C. Reeves was elected as director. And what is an Associational Training Union for? Just what is reported above. New unions mean trained Christians, and that means Kingdom advancement.

Story Hour workers, have you ordered a copy of the Story Hour Leadership Manual. It is right now, the first time we have had such a help, and you will profit greatly by getting and using a copy. 40c.

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Treasure Hunt at B. M. C.

During the month of March the assembly periods of the College Training Union at Blue Mountain have been used for directed Bible study. After thirty-five minutes in the seven individual unions each Sunday the students assemble at Broach Hall. Each week three leaders were chosen and after a brief song service the entire group was divided into three sections for concentrated attention to the Book of James. "Tests of Faith" by Dr. P. I. Lipsey was used as a commentary and many new ideas were discovered concerning the truth and power of God's word.—Reported by Nella Dean Mitchell.

Dr. Norman W. Cox has had printed in booklet form the messages we are publishing in the Record under the standing head:

"GOD DID IT."

A great many people have bought them and mailed them to soldiers. Some churches have sent them to all their men in uniform. He has received letters from soldiers around the world thanking him for them. Those who desire the printed booklet can obtain them by ordering them from him at the First Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi.

Single copy 10c; 11 copies \$1.00; orders of 50 or more 7½c per copy postage paid.

The Enon church in Panola county recently closed a successful course of study in stewardship. There were 35 enrolled in the course with an average attendance of 28 people.—Maxine Ledbetter.

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BLUE NETWORK GIVES TIME TO
MINORITY RELIGIOUS GROUP

New York—(RNS)—Announcing a new policy of granting radio time to minority religious groups, the Blue Network will shortly air a three-months' series of programs sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals. The series will be broadcast each Friday from 12:00 to 12:15 p. m. during May, June and July.

The announcement followed granting by the network of a weekly 15-minute Friday period to the American Council of Churches, a group claiming to represent nine Protestant fundamentalist bodies. The network's assignment of time to the fundamentalist group, which resulted in curtailment of time allotted to the Federal Council of Churches, was, it is learned, protested by a number of church leaders.

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April

April and Training! That is a fine spring combination. It is a good tonic for Sunday school spring fever. It will lift a school out of the depths of poor work into the highway of better work.

It is not too late yet by any means to have that school, even if it goes over into May. It is never too late to train, just like it is never too late to do good, and training is certainly one of the best things that can come to the leaders and workers of any Sunday school.

Yes, April and Training surely do work together in a great way. Try it.

Philadelphia

This year we are following the plan of giving all the standard units of a month in the first issue of the Record the following month.

However, we have something so unusual for April that we do not want to delay until the first week in May to mention it. It is the fact that the Sunday school at Philadelphia is now an Advanced Standard school for 1944.

This is not the first time by any means that this splendid school has achieved this rare and worthy distinction, but we are so happy to have it back in that place for this year also. The fact is this school has been Advanced Standard every year beginning with 1939, except the years 1941 and 1942.

We extend to Pastor Johnson, Superintendent Jones, and all their co-workers our heartiest congratulations on this most worthy achievement.

What Have They?

This week while thinking about this Philadelphia record of achievement, we began asking ourselves what it is that they have at Philadelphia that other schools do not have. This is the only Advanced Standard school in Mississippi, and for some years has been one of the two or three such schools in the South. It just set us to thinking as to the reasons for this. We are frank to say that we do not know all the whys and wherefores of this excellent record, but we do believe that we know some reasons why this school maintains so consistently this unusually high attainment. We are glad to give some of these reasons.

Dissatisfaction. It has been very evident to us that they are very much dissatisfied to rest on past achievements. There seems to be a spirit of dissatisfaction among those workers as to remaining at the same place year by year. Their goal is an ever-enlarging one. They have a vision always that better work can be done no matter how fine it has been in other years. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

Training. Too, they full well realize that no Sunday school program will go very far in advancement without a definite, constructive, regular

and well-planned program of training. It is one of their major emphases each year, and well it might be, not only for Philadelphia, but for any school. Class officers, department officers, group captains, general officers, teachers, as well as many of the pupils, are thoroughly familiar with the program necessary to an Advanced Standard Sunday school. They realize that it is just as impossible to achieve this unusual distinction without training their workers as it is for Uncle Sam to build a great military force without training those who are in it. How pathetic indeed it is that so many pastors and superintendents have never yet caught this vision.

Only a few days ago we had a letter from one expressing appreciation for some interest manifested in their school and stated "We have never had a training school."

Yes, training is one of the vital reasons why the Philadelphia school is where it is. We must know better before we can do better.

Meetings. There are regular meetings each week of the officers and teachers. These are as definitely planned for in advance as the preacher does his sermon or the teacher his lesson. At these meetings the officers and teachers have periods for fellowship, study, prayer, checking and observing weaknesses and planning to overcome this.

Meetings of the officers and teachers, held regularly, weekly in possible, with well planned programs, will go far in helping any school to reach a higher plane of work than ever before.

These are not all the reasons by any means for the good work of this fine school, but we have been so definitely impressed with the contributions these three items have made to the progress of their work, that we were eager to give them to our people generally hoping that others may "go and do likewise."

Last Call

This will be our last call to Sunday school workers to attend one of the three Sunday School Conventions meeting at New Albany, Philadelphia and Brookhaven the week of April 24-29.

We hope to see you there at the Convention most convenient for you to attend. Join us in prayer that they may be used of the Lord in a great way to advance His work this year.

Louisville

Rev. W. L. Day, Louisville pastor, writes that they have just finished a splendid Evangelistic meeting with Mr. Andrew Allen of the Sunday School Board assisting. There were 21 professions of faith, 13 by letter, one by statement, four rededications and one surrender for special service. He says that 95% or more of these came from the Sunday school. He also adds that they will observe this emphasis each year. We rejoice with them in this great week of evangelistic emphasis. Yes, the Sunday school is truly the church's greatest evangelistic agency and opportunity. Use it.

Some Great Bible Doctrines

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reign with Him on the earth.

We accept the principle of the immortality of the soul. Jesus proved the immortality of the resurrected body and remained on the earth long enough that we might learn that there is a place on the earth for resurrected saints. Many of us are agreed on the fact of the bodily resurrection and believe this will come to pass when Jesus comes again. Paul indicates that in Romans 8:16-21.

To many of us, we wonder why Christians are not more concerned about our Lord's return for it is evident that there will be no resurrection of believers until He comes again, no rewards for service. The curse pronounced in Genesis 3:17-19 will be removed when Jesus comes again, Revelation 22:3; Satan bound; the H. S. poured out on all flesh; a new heaven and a new earth when Jesus comes.

No wonder then people are becoming so concerned about this glorious doctrine. They have waited so long to see a redeemed world, but instead, a world upheaval; instead of peace, war; instead of light, darkness; instead of heaven, hell. But thank God He is coming again, take His saints unto Himself and pour out His wrath without mixture on a world of sin and then coming with His heirs to set up a kingdom and reign until every enemy is destroyed, even death, I Corinthians 15:25-26. So come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!!

—BR—

Miss Bea Dawkins, Rosedale, Mississippi, has been elected president of the Student Government Council of Blue Mountain College for the next session.

FORMER MISSISSIPPIAN WRITES ABOUT APPELMAN CAMPAIGN

(Continued from Page One) every detail, is a preacher of power that emanates from prayer and consecration. I know of a number of such good men who have become completely divorced from the churches, and who go so far as to say that you cannot have a revival in a church, and that every worthwhile revival in history had to be outside organized Christianity. Such men point to Moody, Sunday, Whitfield, Wesley, et al. They even go so far as to deride personal soul-winning and exalt only their type of tabernacle or tent meetings,—anything outside of the churches.

"Now with a state convention and state secretary fostering such a revival series, it is possible to keep the best evangelists in the churches, where they ought to be. It is my prayerful concern that the matter of separation between strong evangelists and cultured churches shall not be deepened. These campaigns, and several other items of signal success under the leadership of Dr. McCall, make me look with pride and satisfaction upon my home state, and hope that some of the vision, depth, missionary zeal, and evangelistic fervor, will prevail in other sections so that the spirit generated by fine men and fearless Bible preaching, shall once again fall on Southern Baptists."

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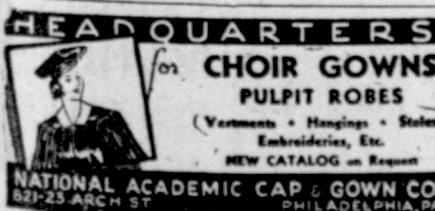
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GOD DID IT!

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he felt tired and sleepy. So he sent two of his younger staff officers. He especially charged them to investigate a certain ditch. They were urged to see about its width and depth. He planned, at a certain juncture in the battle of the next day, to hurl his cavalry upon Wellington, and they would have to cross that ditch. If it was too deep and too wide, then the cavalry would have to come from another angle. The aides came back and reported that the ditch was neither too wide nor too deep.

As already indicated, the battle got started late, but from the outset Napoleon's masterly plan began to heap destruction on Wellington's forces. The moment came for the charge of the cavalry. The intrepid Ney led them. When they came to the ditch, it was both too broad and too deep. The front ranks piled in. Panic and confusion followed. There was a fatal delay while they re-formed and approached from another direction. In the meantime, their striking force had been greatly diminished. Wellington had been able to maneuver to repel their assault. The two delays, one caused by the shower of rain and the other from the eating of onions, hopelessly tripped Napoleon. Wellington had him whipped when Bleucher arrived, and Bleucher's fresh army routed him.

Victor Hugo dramatically asks the questions, "Who conquered Napoleon at Waterloo? Did Wellington? No. Did Bleucher? No. Then who conquered Napoleon at Waterloo? The answer is, God. He had angered the eternal."

The second Psalm tells us the story of the defeat of Napoleon. What the armies and navies of the world could not do, God did, with His snowflakes, a dish of onions, and a shower of rain.

**BR—
THE ROAD TO THE FREEDOM
OF RELIGION**

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state. Through persecution, ostracism and banishment after 150 years of persistence they won their own freedom in New England and the general adoption of their principle. But it was 300 years before Massachusetts cleared its records of the bitter persecution of Roger Williams and his associates.

Constitution Guarantees Freedom

When at length Baptists braved the powers of the colonial church in Virginia they suffered imprisonment, beatings, spoilage, mobbings, and arrogant contempt for half a century before they secured the passage of the Bill of Rights. By this time the American Constitution was in process of adoption. Even their most earnest efforts failed to secure the writing of full religious freedom into this epochal document. But John Leland and other Baptist leaders, with the help of Presbyterians who now stood with them, gained the powerful influence of Jefferson, Madison, and Washington so that the American Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution, which thus became the first document in history to incorporate in the fundamental laws of a nation the principle of free independence of man in all religious matters. Others have shared the labors and achievements, but Baptists have been the pioneers and engineers of the Road to the Freedom of Religion. They must not, in this day of destiny, fail the cause of human freedom, the

**SOUTHERN BAPTISTS FACE A
GREAT CHALLENGE**

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went to church, maybe, before the war. They went through religious activities. But one day, as the implements of death fell about them, they came face to face with God as a living, a vital personality. After that experience, a man is never the same again.

But one of these good days, the war will be over, and these men will be returning to their homes, their families, their churches and their other relationships. Yet they will not be the same men—many of them. They will have lost their zeal for many of the incidentals of religion, but they will have embraced more closely the things that are vital. If these men find our churches twiddling their fingers about the mechanics of our religion, I fear they will pass our churches up and go their ways with their NEW, but often IMPERFECT knowledge of God. On the other hand if they find our churches at grips with the great problems of humanity, I have a feeling many of them will enter our churches for purposes of worship and world service.

A Nation-Wide Revival Needed

By this caption I do not mean, simply, that we need to have simultaneous revival meetings going on. Indeed we need great revival efforts—many of them. But these are not all we need. America needs to come back to God, and, so to the fundamental

world in its new era, and their "great God and Saviour."

The high points in the history of this supremely important struggle, the essential meaning of religious liberty so little understood by most Christian denominations, and the urgency of the challenge of the present world situation are set forth in full summary in a pamphlet of some 60 pages recently prepared by and now to be procured by sending fifteen cents in stamps to the Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, 715 Eighth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

mental things of the Christian faith. If we preach about sin and its destructive work in human life and relationship, these men will understand our meaning. Surely they will appreciate a message about help coming from God. They should be able to rightly appraise our gospel of Christ's sufficiency. Many of these boys who had never heard of Mohammed or Gautama Buddha before they left home, have gained first hand knowledge of the futility of these heathen faiths. As never before, Christ should be preached as the ONE and SUFFICIENT ANSWER to the hunger of human hearts. Yes, we need a revival, everywhere, of the primacy of spiritual values.

Revival Efforts Needed

The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta next May, should begin to make plans for Southwide revival efforts. Our Home Mission Board, Sunday School and Foreign Mission Boards, Women's and Laymen's Boards, State Boards and all our agencies should begin planning for great revival campaigns that will reach city, town and rural areas throughout the Convention. Of course none of us know when the war will end. But doubtless most of us entertain the hope that 1945—our centennial year—will see many of our men returning home. Southern Baptists could find no more worthy way to celebrate their centennial year than

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)
1. In Psalm 41:3 "the bed of languishing" is referred to. Can you explain the meaning of that term?

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2. What do you know about the ancestry of Eliab, as mentioned in I Samuel 16:6?

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3. The word "Rereward" appears in Isaiah 58:8. (It means the same as "rearguard.") It has two other meanings. What are they?

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4. Can you give the explanation of the phrase in Exodus 11:5 reading, "The maid servant that is behind the mill"?

that of conducting a great revival movement throughout our territory. I venture the specific suggestion, therefore, that the Convention should set the pace in May, for all the State Conventions, by setting up needful machinery for this great evangelistic objective. If the soul-winning forces of our Southern Zion could be marshalled, even reasonably well, we should be able to lead one million souls to Christ during our Centennial year. In my humble judgment there could be no more fitting memorial of the occasion.

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PAUL BECOMES A MISSIONARY Acts 13:4-14:28

I. A CHURCH COMMANDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. Acts 13:1-4.

Here we are at the water-shed of the book of Acts. In eighty verses of the book, we have covered about four years of the missionary activity of the apostle. Need I request you to read these verses—all eighty of them? Look first at the whole section, then more closely at the first four. See what we have! Prophets and teachers in the church in the great city of Antioch. "Prophets," men inspired by the Holy Spirit to bear direct messages from God. Every age of the church needs them, and no age more than our own. There were also teachers, and the word speaks of patient iteration of instruction, line upon line, line upon line, review, preview, view, review, drill on truth and drill in practice. So Luke calls the roll of a partial list of these servants of the Lord, and says that they "ministered unto the Lord," no doubt, teaching, preaching, dealing with new converts, or people who were anxious to know how to find the Lord, distributing the largess of the church to the poor, planning services in homes, on the streets, and elsewhere. All this is "ministering to the Lord." Of one thing we may, I think, be very sure: They were busy in the word of the Lord.

To the church the Holy Spirit spoke, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Barnabas and Saul had been called long ago, but this was a special assignment to a special work, so the Holy Spirit asked for a special dedication of the men whom He had chosen. Here was the body of Christ in Antioch, and the breath of life in that body was the Holy Spirit, ruling, guiding, watching over, and evidently by the mouth of one of the prophets in the church He says, "Set apart, dedicate to Me these two: I have for them a special work." So the church assembled, fasted and prayed and laid their hands upon them. Thus were they dedicated by the church to a distinct work. The Holy Spirit had asked for them, and the church released them. Then the Holy Spirit took charge of them and led them away to work in other fields. Of course there was a feeling of regret in the church at their going, but there was no doubt a feeling of joyous satisfaction also in having done the expressed will of the Spirit. And that not only, but this joy found food in new triumphs of the gospel in the church which had thus obeyed the command of the Spirit. The believer who places himself at the disposal of the Holy Spirit will find the power of the Holy Spirit at his disposal. If we will allow Him to have His way with us, He will allow us to have our way with Him.

II. BEGINNING A PREACHING MISSION. Vs. 5-12.

Over on the storied isle of Cyprus. Why there? Holy Spirit led. He also gave them their message, and the message was the same then as now, there as here. And the result was

the same, aroused interest in the message, opposition of men under control of the devil, and demonstration of the power that can overcome. It always runs this way; but you may be very sure that the opposition however vicious or vigorous will meet its Master in the Lord.

Barnabas and Paul were sowers, hurrying at the behest of the Spirit from field to field of labor, bringing interested and earnest inquirers to faith and the profession of it. The pair were evangelists, their work here solely to plead for men.

In their going they made contact with the Roman proconsul, Sergius Paulus, "who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God." This request of the proconsul and their response to it, brought them into conflict with Elymas the sorcerer, who did everything he could to turn the proconsul away from the Christian faith as it was expounded by Barnabas and Saul. Why? Because he saw at once that the teaching of these two would put him out of business; for, if Sergius Paulus embraced the teaching of Barnabas and Saul, he would have no more use for the likes of Elymas. The poor chap was a professional religious teacher, engaged in that work for a living. I doubt if the Christian professional religious teacher is very much better in the sight of the Lord. Preachers who preach for a price! teachers of religion who teach for a price! Professionalism in the pulpit.

Elymas was professional not only, but he was also false. But, wait! maybe the professional preacher is also false. This one in the long ago was punished, and those of the present will sooner or later also be.

III. PISIDIAN ANTIOCH. Acts 13:13-52.

Greek, Roman, and native Pisidian made up the bulk of the population of this, with a considerable number of Jews. These had a synagogue into which Barnabas and Paul went and in which Paul preached on the first Sabbath of their sojourn there. His sermon is the old story of Jesus with warning and application. The result was the same. Some of the Jews believed, others blasphemed. But here in unusual numbers, the Gentiles heard and received the gospel, and here for the first time on their journey the missionaries definitely turned away from the Jews to the Gentiles, inviting them to share in the saving grace of God.

IV. ICONIUM. Acts 14:1-5.

Their preaching here bore abundant fruit. "A great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed." This stirred up the unbelieving Jews and they sought to embitter the Gentiles against the missionaries. "Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord." "Therefore"? Yes, "therefore." Wherefore? Because they met opposition? No, but because, in spite of this opposition, they saw great victories won for the truth of the gospel. They did not contend just for the fun of it, but they did have sanctified fun in smashing the logical defenses which the devil erected against the progress of the gospel. Have you ever been cornered by the onslaught of an enemy to the truth? Do you know the thrill of joy that comes to one who being attacked for the sake of the truth, counter-attacks with a spirit and vigor that overturns the works of the enemy? Have you armed yourself

with the truth to such an extent and intent that, being set upon by one of these so-called Jehovah's witnesses (God save the mark) you have been able to repel his attack upon the truth of the book and make him (or her) high-tail it to the tall timber. I can tell you a secret along that line when I have time.

V. LYSTRA. THE IMPOTENT MAN AND AFTER. Acts 14:6-18.

Poor chap! He never had walked. Now he for the first time heard of Jesus, and the words he heard pierced to his understanding, and he believed them, and in Him of whom the words were spoken. Do not ask me how much he believed. I take it back! You may ask, and I'll tell you exactly how much he believed. Here goes, then: He believed all he knew! and that, I tell you, is all that God requires of simpleton or savant. And Paul saw that the impotent man believed. Listen at Paul now, as with a loud voice he orders the cripple, "Stand upright on thy feet." Look! Paul has commanded that poor cripple to do what he can't do. Have some sense, preacher, the man never has stood upright on his feet in his whole life. What do you mean, "Stand upright"; it's impossible! But did you not hear that with God nothing is impossible? Nay, more, I tell you that God commands of His own the impossible, and His own perform it. The lame leaps as a hart, the blind sees, the deaf hears, the dead are raised up, the shackles of sin are broken, the gates of hell are blasted from their hinges and the captives held within the forbidding walls are set free in Jesus the Lord. All this and more of the impossible,

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Setting as a goal at least 400 quarters for the mission offering in March in the Sunday school, for the departments above the cradle roll, a slogan was adopted which said, "A Quarter Extra for Missions, at the West Laurel church. A small iron pot was placed to hold the offering. Mission programs were given in every department above the cradle roll. When the money was counted, there were 420 quarters in the iron pot, being 20 above the goal set. We believe that we can increase our interest and offering in mission causes by using different ideas.—Gerald Riddell.

because God sends along with the command to do the impossible the power to do it.

The lame man leapt up and walked. You've seen one do it in your community, haven't you? And then some carping critic pointed at him and said, "See! he wobbles in his walk. Ah, ha! If I could do not better than that, I'd be ashamed to try to walk at all." If the loving command of the Almighty will not move you, sit there, you pitiable parody on God's masterpiece, and learn after it is too late the tragic truth that you can and most surely will go to hell while sitting still and unheeding while the voice of God's prophet commands, "Stand upright!"

You see a man or a woman trying to walk and walking howbeit a bit unsteadily because new in the effort to walk? Help! Be quick! Get a grip on the beginner's arm and hold him steady on his untrained feet. God bless you.

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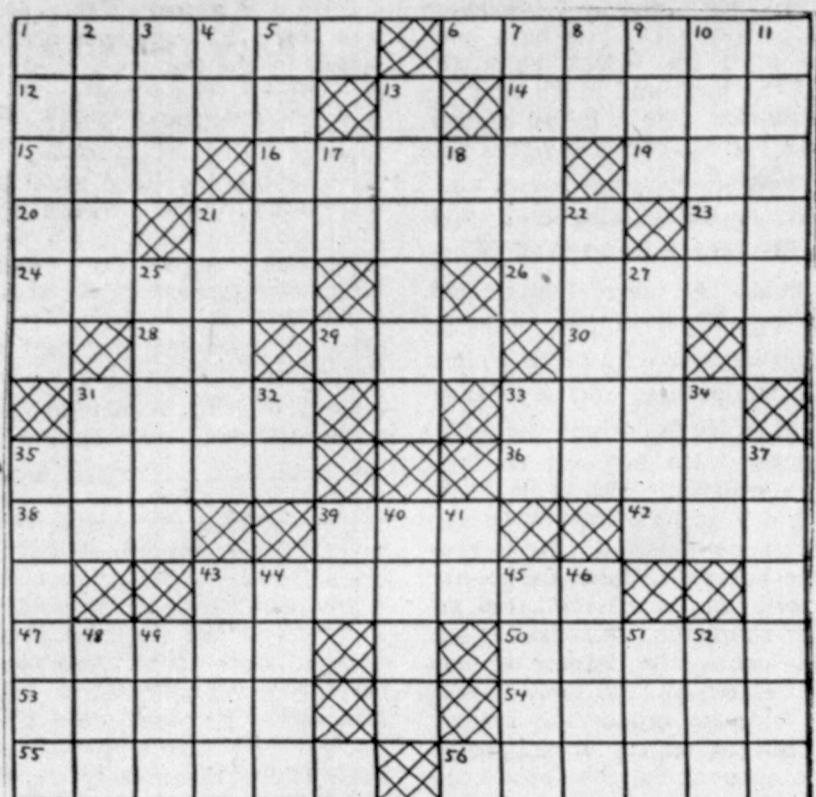
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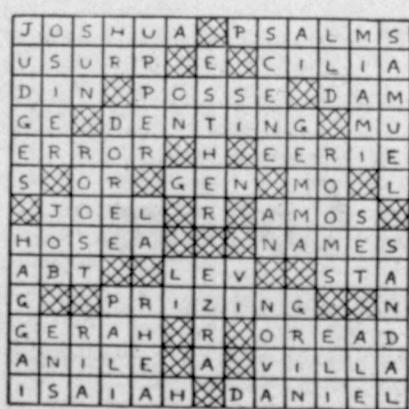
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FORWARD, SOUTHERN BAPTISTS!

(Continued from Page One) that does not evangelize will soon paralyze. Blood that does not flow, coagulates. Coagulation means stagnation; stagnation means death.

Our efforts must be on a world scale. "Go into all the world" is our marching order. At the close of this war, our Foreign Mission Board should have a minimum of \$5,000,000 in hand for rehabilitation and enlargement. This is a supreme hour for world missions. Well does Dr. Weatherhead say: "The kingdom of God cannot come fully anywhere until it comes everywhere. The church may not provide a map, but she ought to be able to provide a compass." . . . Cooperation Primary

Southern Baptists are in position as never before to go forward with every interest of our Cooperative Program. Not only do we have the ability to go forward, but there is the spirit of willingness and increasing eagerness to do so. Here is evidence: Texas Baptists, 815,000 in number, raised \$1,500,000 for missions in 1943. In one decade, they have increased their gifts 500%. South Carolina Baptists, 300,000 strong, raised \$782,000 for missions in 1943. Their gifts exceeded the gifts of Texas Baptists by 76c per member. Marvelous as was the gift of Texas, had they come up with South Carolina they would have raised \$2,119,000. But Florida Baptists went ahead of South Carolina. In that state, 175,000 members gave \$532,000. Had Texas equaled Florida, they would have raised \$2,445,000. One says, "But the larger the numbers, the smaller the per capita gifts." North Carolina Baptists practically nullify that theory. They number 525,000 and raised in 1943 \$1,400,000.

If North Carolina had only equaled Texas in per capita gifts, their total would have been only \$965,000 or \$335,000 less than was raised. On the other hand, had Texas come up to North Carolina's standard of giving, they would have raised \$2,149,50. This year Texas Baptists are far ahead of their receipts last year. They may lead Southern Baptists in per capita gifts this year. Had all Southern Baptists equaled Florida's per capita gifts last year, they would have raised around \$18,000,000. Yet Florida Baptists will not tell anyone that they did their best!

Every phase of our work needs emphasis. This is the day to carry on a symmetrically developed program. Specials should be minimized and the Cooperative Program should be magnified. Churches are in position now to increase their budgets to an all time high goal. This will give funds to care adequately for all our boards, institutions, fields, and needs. The great danger of Southern Baptists is not so much that we will go wrong; our lurking danger is that we will not go much at all.—R. C. Campbell, Columbia, S. C.

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At the annual convention of the Southern Association of Teachers of Speech, representing seventeen states, held at Jackson, Mississippi, March 21st through 25th, Mr. Charles A. McGlon, teacher of Public Speaking at the Southern Baptist Seminary, was elected third vice-president, which will place him in charge next year of the student tournament and human relations congress held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the association for outstanding high school and college speakers. At the Jackson meeting Mr. McGlon spoke on "Training the Dramatic and Speech Artist."



REV. R. W. PORTER

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It is easy to lead informed people into doing things. The Lambert people read The Baptist Record and enjoy it.

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MRS. LELA LEAVELL LATHAM

The W. M. S. of Pontotoc Baptist Church lost one of its most faithful members on March 1st, 1944, in the passing of Mrs. Lela Leavell Latham. Latham. She was president of our W. M. S. for several years. Throughout the years she was a regular attendant and ever faithful worker in her church and all of its organizations. Her loss will be keenly felt in our society, as well as her church, community, and home, where she lived a life of Christian love and kindness, ever ready to help those in need and sorrow. Her influence and memory will live in the hearts of those who knew and loved her and lead us to carry on where she lay down.

Our church is much richer today because she lived among us, and death to her is just a gateway to a greater adventure with God.

We desire to pay tribute in this small way as an expression of our love for one for whom we can say, "Well done." Therefore be it:

Resolved, first: That we grieve not as those who have no hope—for this separation is but for a season—and our loss is her inexpressible gain. Even now she is receiving the glorious reward for the gracious deeds that made her life so rich and full.

Resolved, second: That we emulate her beautiful example of faith and faithfulness, her cheerfulness, her hospitality, her joyful giving to the Lord in tithes and offerings, and her never-give-up spirit.

Resolved, third: That we thank God for Lela Leavell Latham, and for what her life has meant and will continue to mean to our church.

Resolved, fourth: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to members of her family, to The Baptist Record, and a copy be placed on our minutes.

Committee: Mrs. W. M. Nisbet, Mrs. H. A. Grisham, Mrs. R. L. Ray.

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MRS. ADA McCORMICK DENNIS

WHEREAS, on February 21, 1944, an all-wise Providence saw fit to take from His garden, one of its most beautiful flowers, in the person of Sister Ada McCormick Dennis, to adorn His house "not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

AND WHEREAS, this vacancy thus created leaves us less potent in His work, because of her great and shining Christian influence and leadership, her very presence and saintly appearance always pointing us upward and onward,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Woman's Missionary Union of Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi, most earnestly dedicate itself to the task of Christian betterment which was part and parcel of her very being, and prayerfully seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our efforts, as she was always wont to do, remembering always the magnificent spirit in which she went about her Christian duties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Missionary Society, a copy be sent to her lovely family, a copy be published in The Baptist

Answers To
Know Your Bible

Feature on Page 12.

1. (Languishing): According to the Hebrew, "languishing" meant the same as "sickness." In further tracing it back to the Latin, the meaning was "droop," "wilt," "fade." *

2. (Eliab's ancestry): He was David's eldest brother, tall and handsome, and called by Samuel "the Lord's anointed." The character of his heart, however, proved that he was not worthy of the kingdom.

3. ("Rereward" and "rearguard"): One translator says, "The honor of Jehovah doth gather thee." Another translates it as "The glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard."

SERVICEMAN DOESN'T WANT

V-MAIL

A father recently wrote his son, who is in the Marine Air Corps in the South Pacific, if he didn't think they should begin sending their letters V-mail instead of air-mail, as they had been doing. The young Marine answered as follows:

"Dad, the V-mail letters are not one-tenth as satisfactory as good ink-written, flesh and blood letters. Somehow the personal touch is lost in the V-mail. Besides the V-mail is slower than air-mail. And then there's plenty room on the planes coming out here. Certainly there would be no congestion if the senators, and Eleanor, etc., didn't feel they had to come over and see how we look as fighting men. . . ."

We agree with the young fellow, that if there is room on the planes for Mrs. Roosevelt and other civilians to make sight-seeing trips to the combat areas, there should be sufficient room to carry letters from their parents to the boys who are doing the fighting.—Baptist Messenger.

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Captain Ira D. Eavenson, chaplain, is now a patient in the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital at Stanton, Va., where he is recuperating after a long term of military service. He was formerly pastor at Cleveland. Friends desiring to write him may use the address above. Both the sons of Chaplain Eavenson are in the service, and his daughter is in school at Blue Mountain. Mrs. Eavenson expects to visit him at an early date.

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J. N. SLAUGHTER

WHEREAS, in the providence of God, He has seen fit to call to his reward, our beloved brother, J. N. Slaughter, and

WHEREAS, in his going, the Board of Deacons and Calvary Baptist Church have sustained a great loss. Realizing our loss is heaven's gain, may we strive to emulate the example in the life lived by this our departed brother.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we commend most tenderly, this beautiful Christian family to our Christ, Who is able to supply every need.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent the family, a copy spread on the minutes of our Board, and a copy sent The Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. BARNES,
B. B. McCLENDON,
L. O. HOLLAND,
Committee.

Record and one in the Meridian Star.
Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank McDonald, Chairman,
Mrs. W. H. Vincent,
Mrs. L. S. Mayo,
Committee on Resolutions.

**FORMER MISSISSIPPI MAN SEES
LONG PERIOD OF FOREIGN
SERVICE**

An Interview With
Chaplain James E. Tull,
Captain U. S. Army
By Bruce H. Price, Asheboro, N. C.

"The effort of our armed forces in the Far East is in the beginning of the beginning," remarked Chaplain James E. Tull after his recent return from twenty-five months of foreign service which took him around the world. "Getting supplies into China is in the hands of our transport pilots who fly across Japanese-occupied Burma and over mountains, reaching the height of 18,000 feet. They usually fly without escort fighters but the mountains are more dangerous than enemy planes. A few of our brave men in China with meager equipment are holding until the day when adequate troops and proper supplies can reach them."

Chaplain Tull has had a longer period of foreign service since Pearl Harbor than any other army chaplain.

On the day of our entrance into the war he was in the South Pacific. Later he touched the Fiji Islands, spent two months in Australia, three and one-half months in India and 17 months in the combat zones of Southern and Eastern China with Gen. Stillwell's air force. He returned home by plane by way of Africa and South America.

"Americans in the east are liked by the natives better than any foreign people. They feel we want to help them. They dislike the English, detest the French, despise the Germans, and hate the Japanese, because each of these countries has exploited their nation through the years.

"Missionaries have done much to help our service men," he stated. "Almost every air man who bails out is helped back to his unit by one or more of these servants of the Lord. By their preaching, Bible class teaching, and personal work they are reaching many of our soldiers who previously had little knowledge of Christianity and less interest. The doors to the missionaries' homes are always open to our troops. Officers and enlisted men alike are high in their praise of these Christian heroes, most of them unknown to the world.

"The most encouraging result that has come out of the present conflict is the development of initiative among Christians. They are learning to accept responsibility and carry on the work where outside leadership has been withdrawn. For example, recently in Yunnan province a church has been organized and a building secured without the advice or help of mission workers."

Chaplain Tull comes from a family of preachers. His father, the late Dr. J. F. Tull, was a well known pastor in Arkansas and Mississippi. His only brother, Nelson, is educational director of Walnut Street church, Louisville, Ky. Each of his sisters married a minister: one is the wife of a Methodist pastor in Arkansas, another is the wife of Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of First church, Winston-Salem, N. C., and the third is the wife of Dr. Hermon Westmoreland, pastor of South Main church, Houston, Texas. Two uncles are: Dr. S. E. Tull, pastor at West Helena, Arkansas, and Dr. N. T. Tull, with the Home Mission Board.



DR. FRED SCHATZ

**FRED SCHATZ JOINS B. B. I.
FACULTY**

Rev. Fred Schatz, State Baptist Training Union secretary of Louisiana, was elected at the last meeting of the trustees of the Baptist Bible Institute to the position of assistant to the president. He will take up his work with B. B. I. on August 1. Rev. Schatz attended college at Howard College, in Birmingham, Alabama. He is an Alabamian by birth. He attended the Baptist Bible Institute, and later became the pastor of the St. Francisville church, in southern Louisiana. His promotional ability has attracted widespread attention, due to the marvelous success of the Training Union work in Louisiana since he has assumed the responsibility for it.

His primary responsibility will be to be superintendent of the Practical Activities Department of the Baptist Bible Institute. He will therefore have charge of all of the mission activities of the students, both in New Orleans and on out through southern Louisiana in the French and Spanish speaking section of the state. For many years this has been a vital phase of the life of the Institute.

The long felt need for an alumni secretary will also be met by his coming. He will endeavor to make the Institute as helpful as possible for its alumni, at the same time drawing a closer tie between the alumni and the school. The Correspondence Department will also be in his charge.

It is also anticipated that he will continue to serve Southern Baptists in various conferences and enlargement campaigns, whenever his time will permit. He has come to be in great demand, both by the Training Union and Sunday school forces of our Convention. He has also been active in Baptist Student Union work. In every way, his talents and experience have fitted him for the type of work he will undertake.

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**PHILIPPINE CLERGY INSTRUCTED
TO PREACH SERMONS ON
JAPANESE 'NEW ORDER'**

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—Japanese occupation authorities in the Philippines have instructed "ministers and priests" to preach sermons explaining "the basic ideas and philosophy" of the Japanese "new order" in East Asia, according to news broadcasts over the Manila radio reported by U. S. government monitors here.

"All church officials," an order by Arsenio Bonifacio, acting minister of the interior says, "should emphasize these principles in every sermon they

**NURSES' HOME IS CENTER OF
DEBATE ON SEPARATION OF
CHURCH AND STATE**

Winston-Salem, N. C.—(RNS)—After a two-hour debate over the question of church and state, the Carolina Baptist State Convention rejected a committee recommendation that it enter into a contract with the government for the construction of a nurses' home at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem to be used in training nurses for the war program.

Instead, the Convention proposed that it sell the government a parcel of land on which it may construct the nurses' home and that the hospital then lease the home from the government. If this is unacceptable to the government, then according to a resolution adopted by the Convention, the hospital will be authorized to go ahead and borrow the necessary \$110,000 and build the home itself.

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Rev. J. A. Barnhill, evangelist now living in Jackson, was recently with Rev. L. S. Cole in a meeting at Refugio, Texas. There were 20 additions. On Easter Sunday, the closing day of the revival, there were a great number who rededicated their lives. Pastor Cole has been there for nine years and is doing a good work.

preach, whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself, and by every means in their power."

The principles referred to were embodied in a Japanese-dictated statement drawn up by a conference of Greater East Asiatic nations at Tokyo last November, which called for cultural and economic cooperation "for the construction of Greater East Asia."

"Dr. D. A. McCall
"Baptist Headquarters
"Jackson, Mississippi
"Dear Dr. McCall:

"May I call your attention to a much needed service which our Southern Baptist Convention and the several state conventions ought to undertake through the churches for our men in uniform. For months, literally hundreds of organizations and individuals co-operating with the tobacco companies have promoted a campaign 'Nickels for cigarettes for the men in service,' resulting in an abundance of cigarettes for our fighting men and women. At the same time, there has been an alarming scarcity of good reading material. Our fighting forces overseas are calling for good books.

"A transport chaplain just back from 'Somewhere in the Pacific' had this statement from a Marine pilot coming home on leave: 'Chaplain, why don't the people at home start a "Nickel for Books" campaign. We are getting an abundance of cigarettes, but very few good books.' Two sailors added their own comment: 'We have only a few books.'

"This is not intended as a criticism of the thoughtfulness of those who have so generously supplied cigarettes, but it is an earnest appeal to our churches, civic organizations, labor organizations, and to all our people to supply our men overseas with good books.

"Chaplains are not permitted to solicit funds or materials, and this letter is not intended as such. It is an effort to lay before our churches an opportunity for them to assume the responsibility of projecting a campaign, and I am therefore requesting that my name not be used to promote such an undertaking. I am giving you a picture of a tremendous need with the hope that you will do something about it.

"When I think of the thousands of soldiers our chaplains are influencing every day, I find myself praying that more and more we shall have fellowship with God and thus bring our men into vital relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. To that end, will you pray for all of the chaplains?

"Sincerely, _____.
We have presented a very sensible plea from a responsible chaplain. Our people should certainly do something about this, and at once!

**Mississippi Baptist Convention Board
Armed Forces Service Department
Box 530
Jackson, 105, Mississippi**

**PEARL RIVER SUNDAY SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION**

April 23

Baptist Church Poplarville, Miss.
2:30—Song and Praise.
2:40—Devotional—Rev. S. P. Powell.
2:50—Roll call and business.
3:00—Conference Period.
3:30—Special Music—Carriere Church.
3:35—Inspirational Address—Dr. D. A. McCall.

You may walk, ride or fly, but be there with all your officers and teachers.

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**PREDICTS AIR TRAVEL WILL HELP
SPREAD GOSPEL THROUGH-
OUT WORLD**

Oklahoma City—(RNS)—Air travel and modern methods of communication will aid in spreading the gospel throughout the world, Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary for the Orient of the Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Church, predicted here in addressing the Oklahoma General Baptist Convention.

Missionaries to foreign fields already are employing air travel to reach and return from their fields of work, Dr. Rankin said, adding that use of short wave radio and other modern communication means will expedite missionary work in the future.

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Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office included: Frank McDonald, of Meridian; Rev. Percy Renick, Hickory Flat; Rev. Charles L. McKay, Ruston, La.; Rev. V. R. Crider, Clinton; J. G. Clay, Lena; Rev. Jewell Golman, Kreole; Otis Goff, Kreole, and Rev. F. G. Wilborn, Lucedale.

Miss Marjorie West, Sardis, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union of Blue Mountain College for the session 1944-45.